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MAKING A NAME FOR OURSELVES

From that fall day in 1928 when the first student registered, through the lean years of the Depression and the harrowing years of World War II, through the upheaval of the sixties, through bad times and good, East Central Junior College has been an institution which has worked to make a name for itself. That name stands for quality, for opportunity, for excellence. Today, East Central continues, each day, in many ways, to make a name for itself.

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That ECJC Spirit

East Central Junior College has always had a name as a school with spirit. Sometimes that spirit has been seen in athletic competition; sometimes in academic competition; sometimes it is seen in the faces of students as they cross the campus or as they work. Other times it is noticed in the quieter moments students spend studying together or in the face of a student who has completed a difficult assignment and knows he did well.

The East Central spirit continues to grow as students leave and go to other schools or go to work. The type of spirit which has been instilled in them follows them and helps them achieve the goals they have set.

When an East Central student yells, "Go Warriors!" he is really referring to the Warrior Spirit which abides in each of us.

Janet Mowdy throws herself into the EC spirit and paints a picture of what spirit is all about.

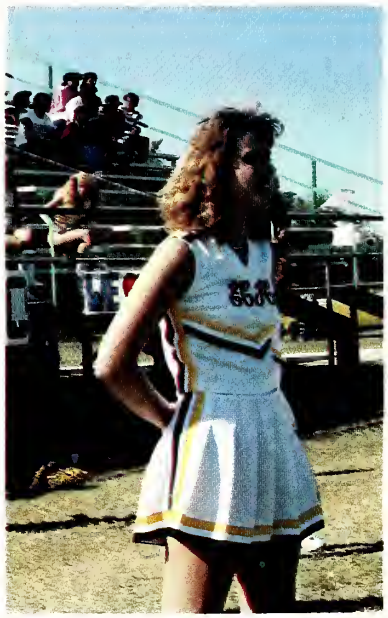
My Name Is Mud!

The spirit of ECJC is evident in students' willingness to try new things. **Stacey Porter** gets the feel of potter's clay in art appreciation class and surprisingly fashions a turtle.

The Warrior Chief hitches a ride to the football field, saving his energies to assist the cheerleaders in keeping crowd spirit at a peak.

The bonfire pep rallies became a favorite of EC students and exemplifies Warrior spirit.

Shelton Vance and **Marsha Stovall** exhibit the friendly spirit of East Central as they engage in conversation in the library between study times.



Rhonda Jones of Hickory stands at attention as the cheerleaders begin another chant.

Some of the quieter spirit at E C is shown by **Cynthia Ganann, Andy Childress,** and **Lori Clark** as they sit on the lawn and sketch Huff Auditorium.

Semesters Come And Go . . .

But Friends Are Forever!

It is a well-known fact that a person's most lasting friends are those he makes after he leaves high school. Tell that to any tenth grader, and he won't believe it. Tell it to a graduating sophomore at East Central Junior College, and he will tell you that he knows it is true.

Students from all over the five-county district, from other places in Mississippi, and from as far away as Michigan have this year come together as strangers, but will leave as friends. Meeting classes, playing, eating, rooming, and studying together provide the perfect ingredients for the growth of friendship, and whether they meet as fellow members of an intramural team or as lab partners, friends made at ECJC are truly forever.

A friendly hand with a necktie is indeed welcome. **Bryne Drummond** assists **Rodney Murrell** in getting ready for a picture as Darnell Clark looks on.

Seats are scarce on the band practice field, but these this group innovated as hunger became the prime mover at a cookout.

Andy Childress, a freshman from Louisville, finds himself at the tail of a tailgate party.

"Let's do this every week," said one student leaving the tailgate party.

Warrior Chief **Paul Pryor** backs away from **Matt Alford** who wanted to share the Chief's tomahawk.

New friends **Tanya Henry** and **Suzanna Kennedy** get acquainted as members of the yearbook staff distribute yearbooks from years past at Homecoming.

Friends meet in strange ways. **Leann Brantley, Tanya Henry, Kay Cherry** and **Todd Allen** met while trying to solve the mystery of new trenches on the front campus.

Randy Fullington, winner of the Spirit Award at the beach party pep rally, shares his award with **Tina Walker, Janet Mowdy,** and **Lisa Willis.**

Dr. Eddie M. Smith:
His Name Spells Progress For E.C.J.C.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, serving as President of East Central Junior College since 1985, has earned his position by dedicating himself to education. He graduated from East Central in 1963 with an Associate of Arts Degree in general education.

The next two years, 1963-64 and 1964-65, he spent at Mississippi State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Science Education. In 1970, he earned a Master's Degree in Education from MSU.

Dr. Smith then transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi, receiving a Doctorate of Higher Education in Administration and Supervision.

Dr. Smith's skills in administration have been well used. His past positions state clearly his capabilities. He served in the Natchez-Adams County Schools as a classroom teacher of junior high and high school science and later as supervisor of science instruction in grades seven through twelve for the entire system. From 1965 to 1970, he served as assistant principal.

After leaving the Natchez School System, Dr. Smith began his career in higher education and has been associated with the University of Southern Miss., Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and East Central Junior College.

Dr. Smith, pursuing one of his favorite pastimes, checks the progress of dinner which he seldom is able to enjoy at home with his busy schedule of evening activities on campus.

On a typical day, students will find **Dr. Smith** stopping on the mall to check on their classwork and to offer assistance with any problems they might have.

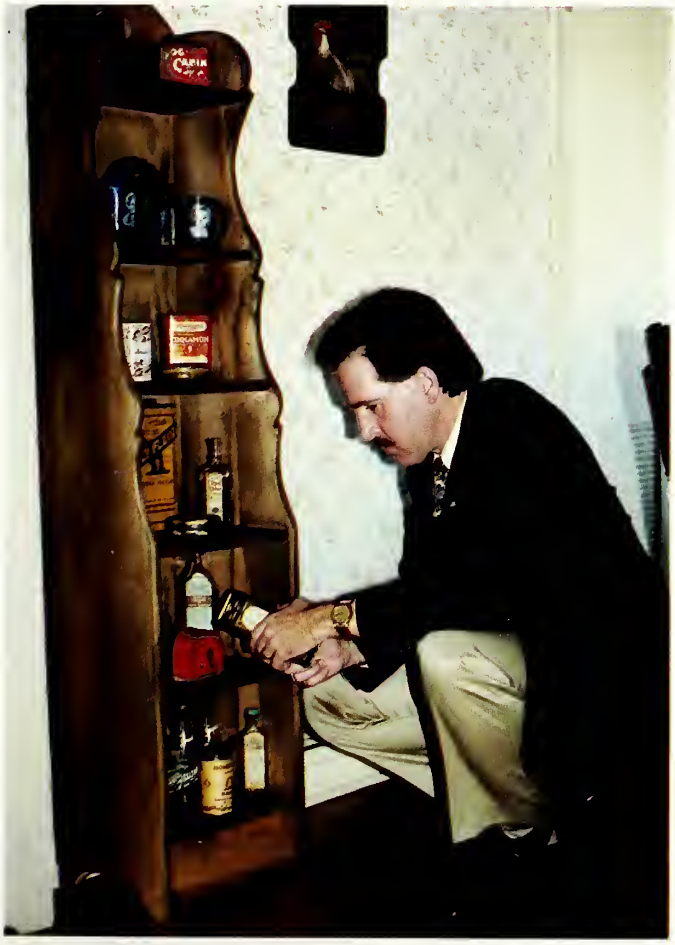
Married to the former Charlotte Flowers, Dr. Smith is the father of two daughters, Kelli who is a medical student at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, and Wendy, a junior at Mississippi College.

He is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church where he is a member of the finance committee and the music committee and serves as church organist. A bass and bream fishing enthusiast, his prize fish which he snagged in the college pond, is displayed in his office.

A degree in botany comes in handy as Dr. Smith enjoys raising plants and gardening.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith certainly has worked diligently to make a name for himself, and he continues to strive to enhance the name of East Central Junior College as he leads the institution toward the twenty-first century.

The two people with whom **Dr. Smith** is in constant communication are **Dr. Bradford Tucker,** Dean of Instruction, and **LeAnn Scoggin,** secretary to the President. On Monday morning, the three go over the week's schedule before plunging into work.



An avid frequenter of flea markets and antique shops, **Dr. Smith** has assembled an impressive collection of antique tin boxes and bottles. Here, he reads the ingredients from an old medicine bottle.

Occasionally, EC's President will drop by a classroom for a visit. In an anatomy class, he recounts his own experiences in science classes when he was a student at East Central.

Current Students Have Already Made A Name

Since the primary purpose of any institution is to educate its students, East Central Junior College places its greatest attention on academics. The college is pleased that a great number of the top students in the five-county district choose East Central for the first two years of their education. Untold numbers of doctors, lawyers, scientists, ministers, and businessmen started on the road to success at East Central.

Michelle Mitchell, Lake High School, and **John Hardin,** Scott Central, both valedictorians, check on their Valedictorian Scholarships with Business Office clerk, **Laura Baggett.** Also pictured is **Tammy Kirkland,** Neshoba Central's Valedictorian and Star Student.

Marshall Watkins who attends ECJC on an ACT Scholarship, hands out school pictures while **Teto Harrell** looks on.

Lynda Williams, a graduate of Eupora High School, is also the recipient of an ACT Scholarship which is awarded to students with outstanding scores on the American College Test.

Tanya Henry, Union; **Seleta Howard,** Noxapater; **Vicki Adams,** Edinburg, all salutatorians, and **Nina Mosley,** valedictorian from Newton Academy, pause for a visit before going to lunch.

Sheila Goodwin, Carthage High School salutatorian, discusses the latest trig assignment with **Mike Cooper,** salutatorian at Decatur High School.

Suzanna Kennedy, Star Student at Hickory High School, clears up a point about calculus with **Lee Adams,** Philadelphia High School and **Julie Adams,** Edinburg, All three students were valedictorians of their graduating class.

Teto Harrell from Lake talks with other salutatorians **Mary Nell Vandevender,** Winston Academy, and **Teresa Stroud,** Kemper Academy.

"What's Your Name"

Penny Crawford gets some relaxing exercise as she "tools" around campus on her bicycle.

A favorite attraction at East Central is the annual hypnotist show featuring the famous hypnotist, **Colonel Wallington. Amy Pouncey, Stacey Phillips,** and **Shelly Wolverton** enjoy their spicy "apples" as **Colonel Wallington** points out to the audience that they are really eating onions.

The Mall In Fall

Once a street which ran through the center of the campus, the mall, in more recent years, has made a name for itself as the most versatile place on campus. Canopied by giant oaks which were growing when the college began, the mall is the perfect place for friends to visit, for pep rallies to be held, or for food to be served.

Ask any student at ECJC, and he will probably list the East Mall in his top three favorite places on the campus. Snowball fights in winter and acorn wars in the fall create memories which will follow students throughout their lives.

Alumni gather for the annual alumni luncheon attended this year by almost 300 people.

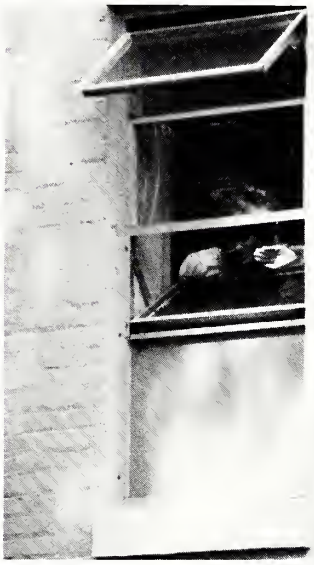
The Warrior band gears up for a pep rally.

Kerri Posey and **Jeff McNair** seem intent on their purpose of delivering freshly-laundered jeans to a friend.

Moving to a recent pop hit, the cheerleaders show the pep rally crowd one of their many innovative dance routines.

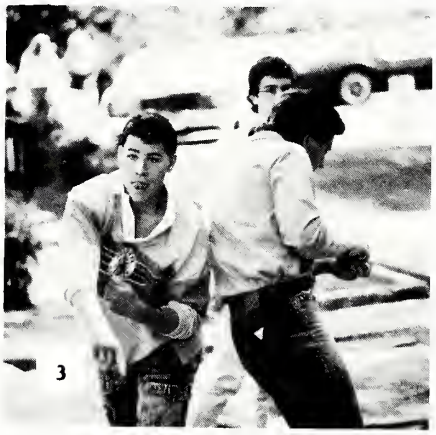
Missy Russell, a freshman from Forest, finds a quiet spot on the mall to review for a test.

Looking down on the mall from her window, **Tracie Edwards** waves to a friend before coming down for a visit.



Striking the first blow, **Julie Adams** and **Debra Wilson** begin one of many acorn wars on the East Mall.

Mona Moore and **Eddie de Vroede** are caught in the middle of the war as they attempt to cross the mall on the way to class.



Barry McWhirter protects his friends as he returns fire in the final barrage.

Getting Together

The average college student is actually in class only about four or five hours a day. So what does he do with the rest of the twenty-four hours? According to one survey, a student will spend one hour eating lunch and dinner, two hours showering and dressing, seven hours sleeping, and two hours studying.

However, this still leaves about seven hours of free time. While some students choose to spend that free time off the campus, most students find interesting places and ways to get together on the campus.

One of the most popular places to get together is the Student Center where one is likely to see anything from a card game to heavy studying before a big test. Right next door, the Activity Center is always busy with pool, ping-pong, pick-up basketball games, weight lifting, and video games.

Another popular place to get together at East Central is in the dorms to watch the daily soap operas. When something big is about to happen on DAYS OF OUR LIVES or SANTA BARBARA, there is standing room only in the lobbies with animated discussion over whether a certain character will really die or make a miraculous recovery.

In warm weather, the brick benches scattered around the campus are popular places for students to congregate. Whether it is in front of Neshoba Hall to discuss a big game or near the library to review notes before going to class, the outdoors lures students.

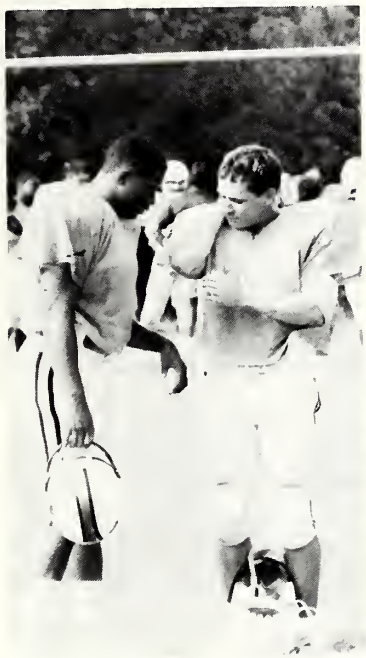
Although the library is a place of quiet and study, it also a popular place of getting together. "Study dates" in the library are common when couples want to be together but need to study.

"Getting together with friends is the best part of college," states one freshman. "I like my classes and I'm happy with my dorm room. But being with other students in a casual atmosphere is what I like best."

One of the many events that offer a chance of getting together is a dance. These dances are given for such events as elections and fundraising and attract a wide range of students.

Friends, **Penny Crawford** and **Verandel Irons,** have found the mall a favorite place to get together.

"I hurt my arm," **Greg Martin** says to **Richard Basil.** And he really did. The arm was broken.



At the annual tailgate party, students enjoy another unique ECJC method of getting together.

Mark Marable and **Jeff Schloemer** find a resting place on the back of a car — a favorite place to hang out and visit after classes.

When a crowd gets together for a pep rally, they can always look forward to hearing from **Coach Kilpatrick,** ECJC's head football coach.

Students are sometimes rather innovative in finding means of getting together. A recent walk across campus revealed two students sitting in the open trunk of a car. Several students were sitting in the empty football bleachers while another group had climbed a tree on the mall.

"My favorite place to get together is my room," says **Sharon Coker.** "Sometimes there might be as many as twelve girls in my room. We can watch TV, talk, study, visit, and never have to leave the room."

Whatever the place, whatever the time, one fact seems to remain true. East Central students, like college students across the country, will find a way to get together.

We've Come A Long Way . . .

Out-Of-Staters Find Home At ECJC

Patrick Luttrell, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, stops in the hall before going to lit class to talk about an upcoming basketball game with **Amy Davidson** and **Michelle Gray.**

Most of the students at East Central Junior College come from the five counties which support the college. However, each year students from other states travel to East Central to enroll.

The college has made a name for itself as a place which makes everyone feel at home. Whether a student comes to East Central as an athlete to play football, basketball, or baseball or whether he or she comes for other reasons, the end result is usually the same. ECJC becomes a second home, and leaving is a difficult thing to do.

"I'll always feel a part of ECJC," **Scott Engle,** an Alabama native said. "I like it here, and I've made some good friends. I know when it comes time to leave, it will be like leaving home again."

Nikki Minard chose East Central because she had heard of its high quality of education, and her hometown of Demopolis, Alabama, is only a short drive away.

Warrior quarterback **Richard Basil** who came to East Central from Alabama has found a home both on the field and off.

"I get homesick sometime," confided **Maria Ishman** of Demopolis, Alabama, "but most of the time I'm really glad I'm here."

Out-of-state students come to East Central knowing few if any people here. It doesn't take long, however, for them to find that making friends is easy.

"The only bad part about East Central is the weekends," **Randy Fullington** and **Bryne Drummond,** both from Houston, Texas, agree. "When Friday afternoon comes, the district students load up and go home, and unless there's a game, the weekends get long."

When out-of-state students leave and return to their home states, they spread the word about East Central, and in a few years, some of them will choose to send their children here.

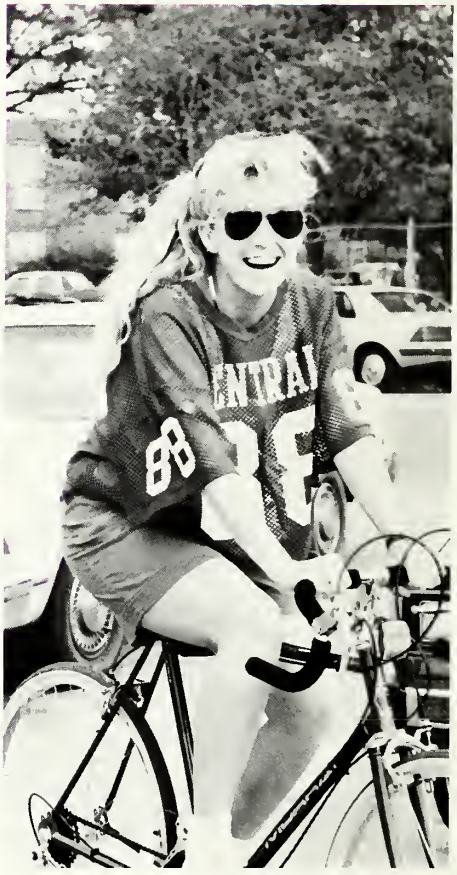
"Which way to Alabama?" ask **Tim Davis** and **Veronza Petty,** both natives of that state. **Raymond Leake** from North Carolina will drop them off on his way home.

Randy thinks he's far enough away from home that surely no one will ever find out he put on a miniskirt.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

A Week In

Monday morning blues strike **Doreene Ryals** as she contemplates the week ahead, but by Tuesday Doreen is usually her perky self.



On a typical Wednesday, **Misty Watkins** spends her free time riding her bike around campus.

Thursday Friday Weekend

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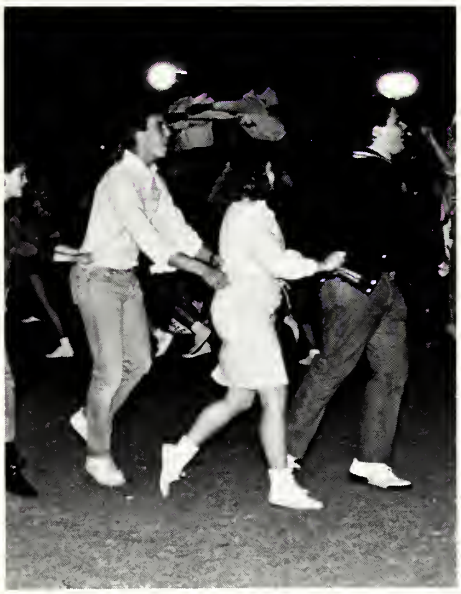


Thursdays are usually pep rally days. These might include anything from a Conga line to a "pie in the face" spirit contest.

Anxiety fills the faces of these girls as they wait for their rides on Friday afternoon. Thoughts of Mama's cooking and sleeping late on Saturday make the wait seem shorter.

Fall weekends mean football games, and weekends in the fall of 1987 were made more exciting by thoughts of the Warriors making the state playoffs.

Mass Confusion

Name's The Same . . .

For at least a few East Central students, the names their parents chose for them have created a great deal of confusion here on the campus. Five **"Pennys"** vie for attention, along with five **"Scotts".** There are even two **"John Marks."**

"It's kind of amusing," says **Penny Caldwell,** a freshman from Carthage. "People are always saying they saw my name on a list or something, and when I check it, it's another **Penny."**

Among students registered this year are two **"Shelly Moores,"** several **"Tammys,"** and at least four students named **"Chris"** and four girls who share the name **"Melissa."**

To add to the confusion, East Central has four sets of twins and some students with rather unusual names. There just aren't a lot of people in the area with names like **"Arnault," "Daigre," "Mainka,"** and **"Decuir."**

Three **Scotts (Scott Engle, Scott Jackson,** and **Scott Tisdale)** snatch a minute between classes to grab a burger and try to sort out their names.

These four guys named **John** check out the action on the mall. **John Miller, John Harrison, John Williams,** and **Jon Pace** will hear their name called many times this year.

"Five **Pennies** are worth more than a nickel," says **Penny Brown.** She is joined by **Penny Overstreet, Penny Crawford, Penny Caldwell,** and **Penny Graham,** as they stride down the mall toward class.

John Mark Williams and **John Mark Franklin** didn't know one another before they came to EC, but their names have provided a common ground for interesting talk.

Talk about names often comes up with this group when they get together between classes. **Denise Reppond, Tenia Daigre, Noel Decuir, Eddie Devroede,** (seated) and **Patrick Luttrell, Hugh Vanlandingham, Arness Georgetown,** and **Cully Hudspeth** say they are proud of their names and never have considered them unusual.

Identical or fraternal, twins are always interesting. EC's four sets of twins, the **Hortons, Lucketts, Gibbs,** and **Hollingsworths,** find being twins offers a lot of benefits, especially in helping meet new people and in sharing clothes.

What's in a name anyway? As Shakespeare has said, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Try that quotation on any East Central student. While he or she might temporarily think they want to change their name to something more exotic or alluring, in the end the name Mom and Dad chose seems the most appropriate. And for those **"Johns"** and **"Melissas"** and **"Pennys,"** don't be alarmed. Your name really isn't that common. According to the *Information Please Almanac,* the most frequently chosen name in the world is **"Mohammed."**

Beauty, grace, and poise are many times the basic ingredients for winning a beauty pageant. **Jeff Schloemer** shows that he has all three.

"Line judging" takes on new meaning when the contestants are **Teto Harrell, Jeff Schloemer, Scotty Chunn, Chuck Hinson, Randy Fullington, B.J. Johnson,** and **Marshall Watkins.**

Chuck Hinson croons, "And your heart beats next to mine," as escort **Shelly Wolverton** waits in the background.

Vanity, Thy Name Is Wo-man

Homecoming Week at East Central usually brings out the best and the most unique aspects of students and their school spirit. Put those hidden talents with a little daring, and what do you have? Why, the "Mess Pageant" of course.

It was Wednesday night, and the house was packed. Anxious "stage mothers" helped contestants with last minute preparations as the sounds of "Oh, I've got a run in my panty hose," and "Is my rouge on straight?" filled the dressing rooms.

Talent ranged from a roller skating exhibition to vocal impressions and a serenade to an alien life form.

When the smoke had cleared, a winner was declared; and the audience rocked with laughter as **B.J. Johnson,** a sophomore from Philadelphia, accepted his crown and his floral tribute of faded roses.

Emcee **Matt Alford** poses a question to **Ardy Reed,** a finalist, as **Gene Cliburn** and **B.J. Johnson,** other finalists, wait their turn.

"The Greatest Love of All" seems an appropriate song for **Bobby Davis** to use as his talent.

Todd Allen, from Jackson, teases the audience with a little cheesecake as he introduces himself to the audience.

"I Need Your Help."

When a high school senior becomes a college freshman, and suddenly finds himself in a strange place without his family to support him, where does he turn? Well, at East Central, he has a whole host of people to answer his questions, give him a kind word, pat him on the back, or offer a little encouragement when he needs it.

In addition to the faculty who go into the classroom every day and the administrators who see that the college runs smoothly, there is a whole network of support people who see that students feel at home.

Two of the first people that students encounter on the campus are the ladies in the bookstore who never seem to tire of answering the same questions and locating the same books. **Mrs. Shoemaker** and **Mrs. Johnston** indeed "support" students.

Students who find they need a boost in a particular class may go to the Special Services Office where **Mrs. Tingle** and **Mrs. Kilpatrick** arrange for help through special tutors. In the girls' dorms, life would be less than rosey without the guidance of helping hands of **Mrs. Holbrook** and **Mrs. Haralson.**

Students who find themselves with questions concerning a wide range of problems from admissions to lost and found articles are assisted by friendly personnel in the administrative offices. Although many students tend to overlook their important role, the maintenance staff works daily to assure that the classrooms and grounds are at their best.

Linda Hansford, Secretary to the Dean of Students, simplifies life for EC students by providing the Student Bulletin each day.

Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, Director of Special Services, sees that students' academic needs are met through peer tutoring.

Mrs. June Vaughn makes the confusing world of finance a little more understandable for students by explaining such things as charges, grants, and scholarships.

Shirley Vaughn brightens the morning with her friendly appearance as she serves Cokes, fries, and hamburgers to hungry students.

Students are greeted each morning with a friendly hello from **Claude** who is always busy keeping the campus clean.

Winnie Thames keeps Cross Hall in tip-top condition for future doctors and scientists.

Jeffery Winstead seeks help for a cough and finds a sympathetic ear in **Mrs. Ruby Shoemaker,** manager of the bookstore.

Mrs. Betty Holbrook checks out the day's schedule with **Juanita Hawthorne** and **Tina Walker** as housekeeper **Alberta Hoye** waits for instructions.

On any day of the year, a visitor can walk across the ECJC campus and be impressed by the number of beautiful girls he meets. While all of these girls have not chosen to "put their beauty on the line" in pageant competition, a number of them have.

It is a part of East Central's name for excellence in all areas that has caused several pageant winners to choose East Central as their college. Here they can find themselves a part of a fundamental academic atmosphere and be appreciated for their beauty, poise, talent, and intelligence.

1987-88 boasts pageant winners in a variety of pageants, including the Choctaw Princess Contest, high school beauty pageants, Miss Neshoba County Pageant, Farm Bureau Queen Contest, and East Central's own Most Beautiful Pageant.

Amy Pouncey, the 1987 Farm Bureau Queen, enjoys pageant competition but says winning is always secondary to the pleasure of getting to know new friends.

Angie Morrow was selected as Most Beautiful Girl at Sebastapol High School in 1987 and continues to prove she deserved the title.

Shelly Wolverton, EC's 1987 Homecoming Queen, was chosen a Beauty at EC last year and was also a Beauty at Philadelphia High School.

Beauties Choose ECJC . . .

From The Stage To Classroom

The Most Beautiful Girl at Neshoba Central High School in 1987 was **Penny Crawford,** now a freshman at ECJC.

Iris Wesley is a former Choctaw Indian Princess. She was chosen as Princess for 1986, a title which is highly coveted and which is awarded at the Choctaw Fair each summer.

Kerri Posey was chosen as Miss Neshoba County for 1987 and when she enrolled at East Central as a freshman, she continued a tradition. She makes the fourth Miss Neshoba County in as many years to attend ECJC.

"A Rose By Any Other Name . . . "

Lori Wilson shows her pride with a big smile as **Greg Wells** escorts her down the 50-yard line during the halftime ceremonies at Homecoming.

"Miss Collins," played by **Camille Williamson,** listens closely as **"Teddy Lawson,"** played by **Kinsey Goldman,** tells her about his future "honeymoon in some far-off romantic spot," during the Fall Dinner Theatre.

The Magic Of Homecoming

When a freshman enrolls at East Central, he doesn't think about a time in the future when he will return to Homecoming to see changes in the campus and to visit with friends he made here. But that time will come, as it did this fall for hundreds of alumni who crowded the campus on a sunny Saturday in October to relive events and renew acquaintances.

From a student's point of view, Homecoming week provides an opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities which, even as they happen, become a part of his memories of ECJC.

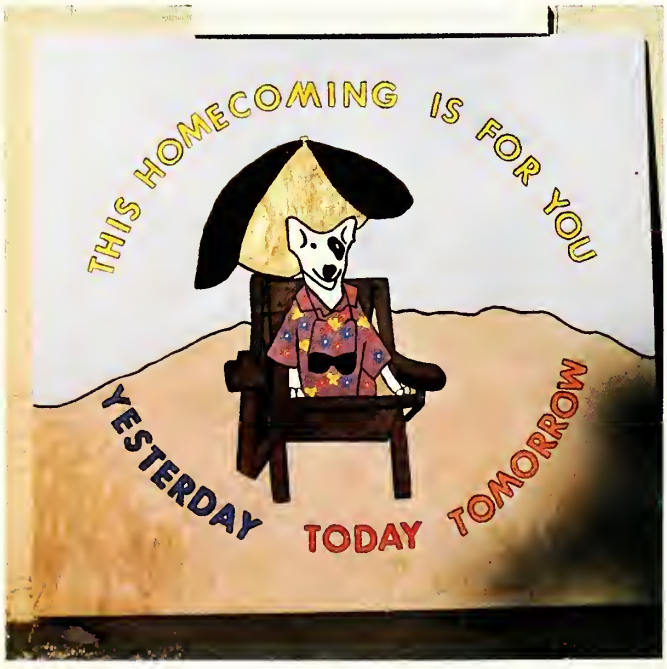
First, there is the Homecoming election to choose the queen and her court. Then begins the preparation for the "Big Day."

Groups design and build displays; the Student Body Association and cheerleaders plan spirit activities; the Homecoming dance approaches; and the football team and band practice.

When Homecoming Day arrives, the campus shines as students, faculty and staff rise early to be ready when the first guests arrive. At the end of the day, the queen has been crowned; the game has been won; old friends have visited; and a tired group retires to think about another ECJC Homecoming.

Stiff competition developed for positions on the homecoming court. Angie puts a poster up among several others.

The girls in Jackson Hall seem to have the competition sewn up on the display competition, having won for two years in a row.



Queen Shelly Wolverton is flanked by her maid of honor, **Lori Wilson,** and maids **Penny Overstreet, Angie Morrow** and **Penny Crawford,** as they enjoy the game.

Quarterback **Richard Basil** is pursued by a Pearl River defender in the annual homecoming game.

The Warrior band did its outstanding performance during halftime to a warm response from visiting alumni and friends.

Missy Whitmire, a sohomore maid from Louisville, is escorted by **Cully Hudspeth,** also of Louisville.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith has the pleasure of crowning **Shelly Wolverton** as the 1987 homecoming queen as the queen's escort **Chris Gay** stands by.

Warrior Corps members **Cully Hudspeth** and **Mike Cooper** assist in registering Alumni **Billy and Glenda Barnes** who had travelled from Shreveport, LA. for the day.

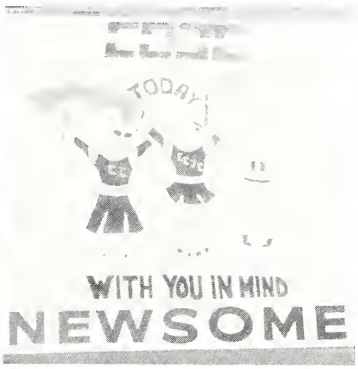
Members of the 1987 Homecoming Court included: (front row) **Penny Overstreet, Angie Morrow, Penny Crawford, Lori Wilson, Shelley Wolverton, Amy Pouncey, Melissa Thrash,** and **Missy Whitmire;** (back row) **Chuck Hinson, Kevin Cochran, B. J. Johnson, Greg Wells, Chris Gay, John Mark Williams, Shea Hailey, and Cully Hudspeth.**

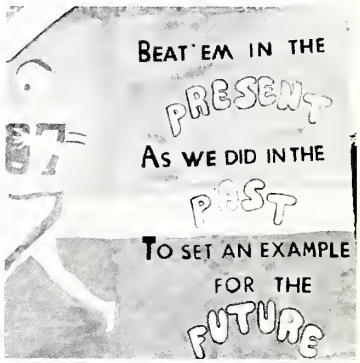
Record Crowd For '87 Homecoming

Memories Abound

Centralette **Lori Clark** performs a routine to "What You Get Is What You See," while trumpeter **Donnie Humphries** belts out the number.

Homecoming wouldn't be complete without a football game. This year's game was enjoyed by members of the 1949, 1950, and 1951 teams who were enjoying a reunion.





Newsome Hall residents came in second with their display featuring cheerleaders for yesterday, today and tomorrow, while the WO-HE-LO staff was awarded third place for their display.

The Warrior Chief finds a ride to the game so that he can conserve his energy for cheering at the game.

Mirror, Mirror, If You Please,

1988 Beauties and Beaus: Misty Watkins, Kerri Posey, Shelly Wolverton, Angie Morrow, and Janet Mowdy; Back Row: John Mark Williams, Mecedric Calloway, Kevin Cochran, Jamie Whatley and Greg Warren.

The judges' job was so tough that instead of a top ten, they named a top twelve. They are: Nancy Bagwell, Misty Watkins, Kerri Posey, Shelly Wolverton, Angie Morrow, and Janet Mowdy. Back Row: Vicki Thames, Lanett Algood, Emily Tingle, Sheila Clearman, Tanya Henry, Amy Pouncey, and Cindy Fulton.

Who's The Fairest At EC?

By vote of the contestants, **Nancy Bagwell** was named "Miss Congeniality."

One of the most eagerly-awaited events on the campus is the yearly beauty pageant. This year thirty-one young ladies vied for the honor of being called ECJC's "Most Beautiful." Under the direction of music instructor Leesa Lee, the pageant went off without a hitch. A near-capacity crowd watched as the girls were introduced and as the number was narrowed to twelve and then to five.

This year, the beaus and Most Handsome were selected through student vote.

"It's a lot of fun, working with the pageant," **Ms. Lee** confided. "The girls are always fun to be with, and I enjoy helping them."

"Of course I'm nervous," says **Cindy Crimm,** a freshman from Scott Central. Nerves are always a part of pageant competition, but EC girls don't show their nervousness once the pageant begins.

Backstage before the pageant, **Janet Mowdy,** who was later named a Beauty, takes a final look before joining the other contestants for the opening of the pageant.

Kimberly Martin, from Lake and a member of the Collegians, helped keep the crowd entertained while the judges were out.

Brian Waddell, another member of the Collegians, proved a real crowd pleaser when he sang "Give her Rain and She'll Find the Rainbow."

Steve Deaton, a freshman from Decatur, plans a career in Christian rock music and as an entr'act entertainer, he proved he can hold the crowd's attention with his original music.

Jerry Dukes entered ECJC after Christmas, just in time to let the pageant crowd see and hear why he has built a reputation as a fine guitarist and vocalist.

(Top) "I know I only have two minutes, but I will definitely be ready!" teases **Chris Adams** who easily won the prize for "Least Amount of Time Required to Get Ready for the Pageant."

Margo Freeny gets a little help from a friend.

Backstage at the pageant was a madhouse with contestants and their "dressers" frantically putting finishing touches on makeup and dresses.

Emily Tingle of Decatur takes a minute to file a troublesome nail prior to going on stage.

Most Beautiful And Most Handsome

Shelly Wolverton

Kevin Cochran

Shelly Wolverton's selection by a panel of out-of-district judges proves once again that indeed beauty is more than skin deep. Not only is **Shelly** beautiful, her actions show that her beauty pervades her whole life.

Shelly has been a cheerleader for two years. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the election committee, the President's Council, the TOM-TOM staff, the Fashion Squad and an intramural football team. She has served this year as president of the Sophomore Dorm Council and was chosen a Sophomore Favorite.

Asked what the highlight of her two years at East Central was, **Shelly** quickly answered, "Being elected Homecoming Queen. I couldn't believe the students chose me, but I was thrilled that they did!"

Shelly was a beauty in the 1987 pageant, but she indicates that being chosen Most Beautiful was a great shock — but it wasn't a shock to those in the audience for **Shelly Wolverton** epitomizes what beauty should be.

ECJC's Most Handsome, **Kevin Cochran,** is a freshman. Kevin came to East Central this year to play baseball and quickly fit in with all the new friends he found here. A native of San Antonio, Texas, **Kevin** apparently brought some Texas charm with him. He was recently elected a Freshman Favorite by his fellow students.

A graduate of Douglas McArthur High School in San Antonio, **Kevin** served as an escort in East Central's 1987 Homecoming Court and played intramural football and basketball.

"East Central has the friendliest people I've ever met," **Kevin** stated. "I've felt at home right form the start."

Mr. And Miss ECJC

Two of the most popular students on campus, **Shea Hailey** and **Tina Walker,** pose for a more formal photograph. Normally, the two are seen running around the campus, participating in so many things that they sometimes begin to overlap.

As Centralette captain, **Tina** spent many hours helping to see that when the group went on at halftime, they were prepared. **Tina** was also a Freshman Favorite and a Freshman Homecoming Maid.

President of the Student Body Association, Chairman of the President's Council, and President of the Warrior Corps, **Shea Hailey** is normally seen a little more properly dressed. However, when the occasion is a beach party pep rally, **Shea** has no trouble getting in the mood. **Shea** serves as student member on a number of college committees, including Absentee Appeals and the Curriculum Committee.

Checking the day's activities, **Tina** and **Shea** get ready to juggle classes with extra-curricular activities. Tina is a member of the choir, Mu Alpha Theta, the election committee and the Band Council, while Shea is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, BSU and the Warrior Corps. **Shea** also served as a football trainer and played intramurals.

(Bottom picture) "I need a little help from my friends," **Shea** seems to say as **Tina** gets ready to offer her assistance. **Shea's** work at EC landed him a place in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

"Intramurals have been a big part of my life here at EC," **Tina** said. "I got to know a lot of people in a hurry by being on teams, and if we won that was just an added benefit."

Freshman Class Favorites

Selected by student vote, Freshman Class Favorites for 1987-88 are: (Front) Nancy Bagwell, Matt Alford, and Dale Brooks; (Back) Kevin Cochran, Penny Crawford, and Cully Hudspeth.

"Foul? You need glasses!" shouts Frosh Favorite **Matt Alford** from Forest. Class favorites can usually be found at most campus activities, including ballgames.

Triumphant and unbelieving, **Penny Crawford,** a Freshman Favorite from Philadelphia, displays the ball which she actually caught!

Nancy Bagwell from Louisville is a basketball cheerleader and is seen here practicing a new cheer for an upcoming game.

Sophomore Class Favorites

Phillip Roland from Carthage is chosen as a Sophomore Favorite. Phillip is known around campus by his beard and his friendly disposition.

Sophomore Favorites for 1987-88 are: Delores Mullins, Shelly Wolverton, Janet Mowdy, B.J. Johnson and (Standing) Mike Stubbs.

A personality that will long be remembered at EC is **Phillip Roland,** carrying his tuba and wearing his overalls. Here he awaits instructions from Mr. Carson at band practice.

Shelly Wolverton, a "volunteer" in **Colonel Wallington's** hypnotism demonstration, asks for another drink of the "strong stuff" in the Colonel's cup.

Janet Mowdy, a Class Favorite from Philadelphia and also a Centralette, takes part in a performance at a fall pep rally.

The Stage Is Set

Each fall when Director Bruce Peterson puts out the call for tryouts, students flock to his office to pick up scripts and begin preparing for tryouts for the dinner theatre production. Tryouts are only the first step in a complicated series of preparations leading up to opening night.

First, players meet for a "read through," as they begin to develop their characters as they envision them. While Peterson gives direction to the players, each actor is free to develop his character as he sees the character. After approximately three weeks of rehearsal, opening night approaches; props are all in place, and dress rehearsal, complete with makeup and costumes, becomes a reality.

Suddenly, it is opening night. The lights dim; hearts pound, and once again the players take the stage for a successful run of a comedy, a mystery, and an original play written by ECJC instructor Ovid Vickers.

"There is literally nothing like it," remembers Marshall Watkins, a sophomore majoring in theatre. "You think you are ready, and you think you won't be nervous. But the butterflies are always there."

Agatha **(Rhonda Yates)** relieves tension as she shows Freda **(Seleta Howard)** just what she thinks of her comments about her son.

A new experience for the guys in the Dinner Theatre is having to wear makeup. **Stephanie Thornton** applies some eyeliner to **Kinsey Goldman** before dress rehearsal.

"All In An Afternoon"

Jamie **(Amy Pouncey)** shows that she's "a really real girl" as Bob **(Joey Brady),** Todd **(Chuck Hinson),** and Don **(Ardy Reed)** look on in amazement.

Jamie, disguised as a boy, explains to Don that the centerfold "isn't too pretty in the face."

Todd, Bob, and Don's suspicions are confirmed as they discover panty hose and stuffed animals in Jamie's things.

"One Of Us"

Michael **(Gem Harrison)** demonstrates to Ingrid **(Renee Thaggard)** the mechanics of handcuffs.

Lettie **(Regell Gray)** explains to Ingrid how her own poetry is true art whereas Ingrid's novels are a sham.

Vernon **(Michael Miller)** tries to reason with the tempermental Freda about money matters.

"Yes Means No"

Mr. Morgan **(Jeff Neal)** seems a touch upset after Teddy Lawson **(Kinsey Goldman)** tells him that his check is no good.

Bottom Left: Miss Collins **(Camille Williamson)** waits attentively as Mr. Lawson **(Marshall Watkins)** discusses important business on the phone.

Teddy is put into a tight squeeze as he tries not to say "No" to Edith while not letting Miss Collins catch him saying "Yes."

Nellie Forbush **(Amy Pouncey)** is wooed by her "Wonderful Guy," Emile deBeque **(Chuck Hinson).**

(Front Row) Margo Freeny, Teto Harrell, Tanya Henry, Eddie Devroede, Terry Cowan, Todd Allen, Sheila Goodwin, Rusty Long, Seleta Howard, and Chris Chapman; (Back Row) Tim Johnson, Gem Harrison, Debra Wilson, Doreen Ryals, Marshall Watkins, Amy Pouncey, Chuck Hinson, Sandy Griffith, Jacky White, Ardy Reed, and Kinsey Goldman - the cast of SOUTH PACIFIC gathers prior to the first rehearsal.

South Pacific

The sounds of "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" once again resounded through the Fine Arts auditorium as the ECJC Players presented their all-campus musical SOUTH PACIFIC.

"This musical is a challenge," said Director Bruce Peterson, "but our students are up to that challenge." From the costume mistress to the leading lady, each participant in the musical production plays a vital part. "What the audience sees on stage is what they will remember," Peterson continued, "but the work behind stage is just as important."

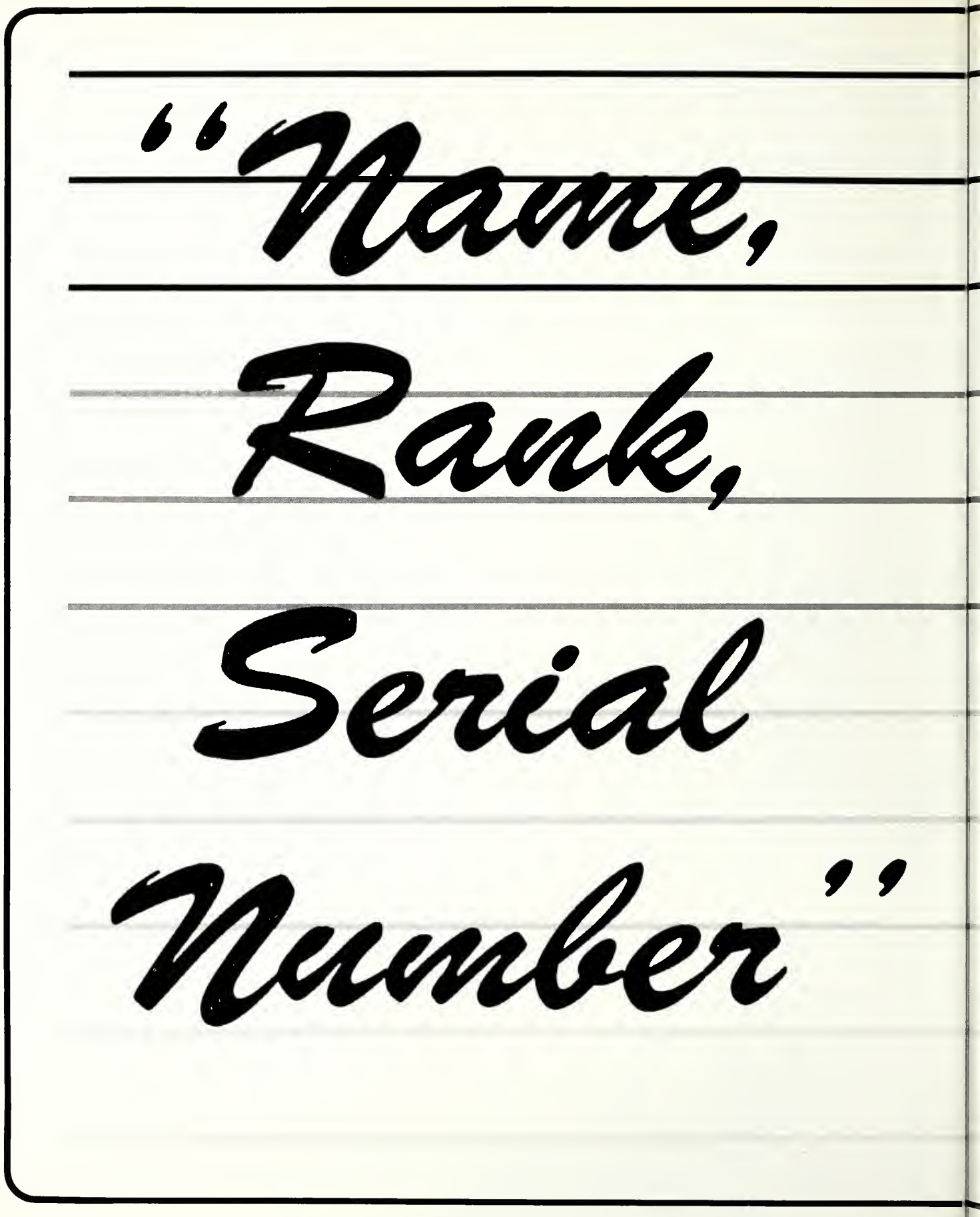
SOUTH PACIFIC represents the nineteenth musical Peterson has directed at East Central.

Playing Seabees stationed in the South Pacific during World War II are **Chris Chapman, Eddie Devroede, Rusty Long** and **Teto Harrell.** Interested in attracting the attention of the Seabees are Nurses **Tanya Henry, Terry Cowan, Seleta Howard,** and **Sheila Goodwin.**

Bloody Mary **(Doreen Ryals,** Right) and her daughter Liat **(Debra Wilson)** try to convince Billis to buy their grass skirts.

Stage Managers **Margo Freeny** and **Tim Johnson** go over the script for SOUTH PACIFIC prior to rehearsal.

Billis **(Ardy Reed,** center) and his sidekicks Stewpot **(Kinsey Goldman,** left) and The Professor **(Jacky White,** Right) devise a plan of getting to Bali H'Ai.


"Name,
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Elections play a big part in campus life, whether it be for homecoming court or SBA or Mr. and Miss ECJC. **Nancy Bagwell** and **Holly Pitt** wait their turn at the ballot boxes.

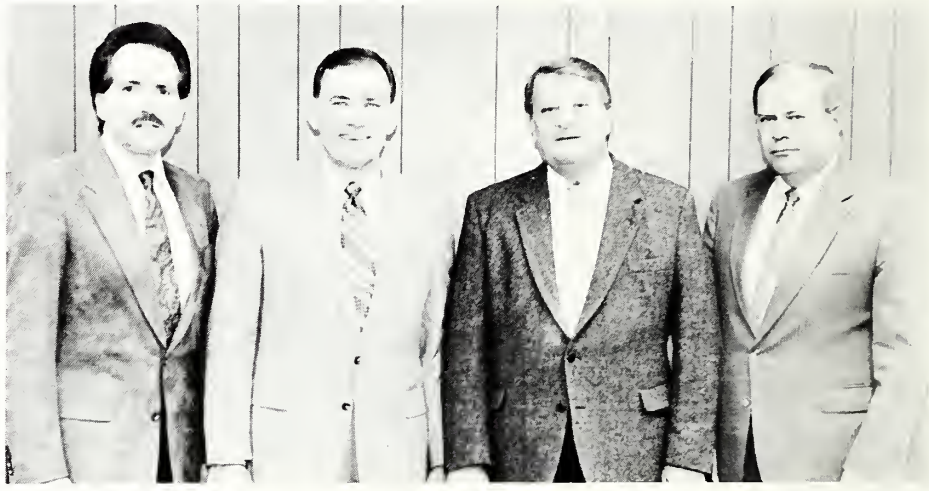
B. J. Johnson shows his talent as he skates to "I've Got A Brand New Pair of Roller Skates" at the Mess Pageant.

Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the college. Members of the Board meet once a month to make decisions which affect the directions in which the college moves. While not involved in the day-to-day operation of the college, the Board hears monthly reports on all aspects of the operation of the college.

The Board works closely with Dr. Eddie Smith, President, who keeps them informed of not only activities at the college but of financial and personnel matters also.

Board members are appointed by the Supervisors of the five counties for five-year terms.



Officers of the Board for 1987-88 include: Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of the College, Henry B. Hudspeth, Chairman of the Board; John Rushing, Vice-President of the Board; Don Howington, Secretary of the Board.

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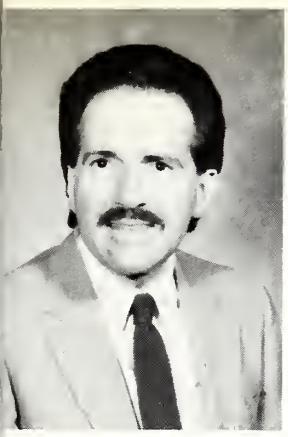

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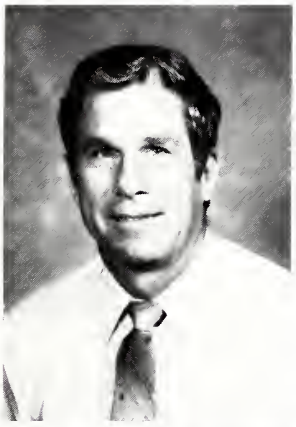

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Raymond McMullan, Dean of Admissions and Records

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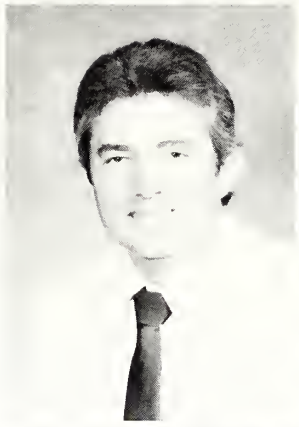
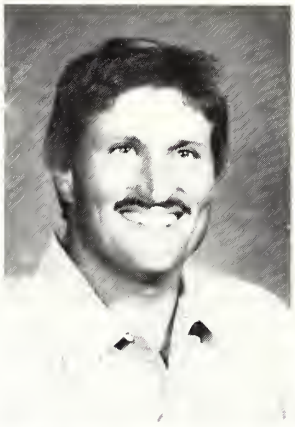
When East Central opened its Neshoba County Vocational-Technical operation, Harry Carter was employed to become the Director. A native of Noxapater and a graduate of East Central, Carter had been in vocational administration for most of his career when he agreed to help start this new venture. "It's been a challenge," he said. "But I have a great staff to work with, and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

Not pictured: Chester Clark, Asst. Director or Vocational-Technical Instruction and Clinton Russell, Director of Buildings and Grounds

John Adcock, Vo-Tech Division Counselor
Mike Anderson, Assistant Director of Activities
J. C. Arban, Mathematics
Laura Baggett, Secretary to Business Manager

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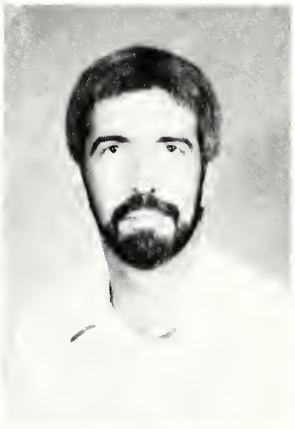

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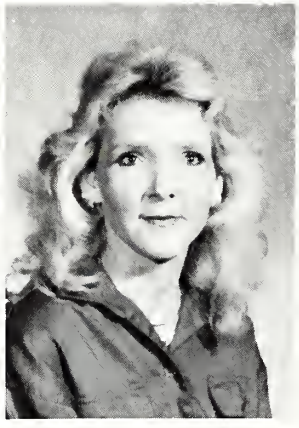

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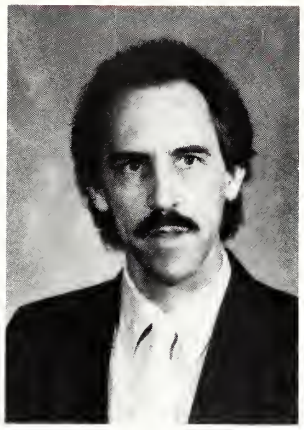
The copying machine provides an arm rest for Larry Duran, metal trades instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Voc.-Tech. Center, as he visits with Howard Herrington, Carpentery instructor.



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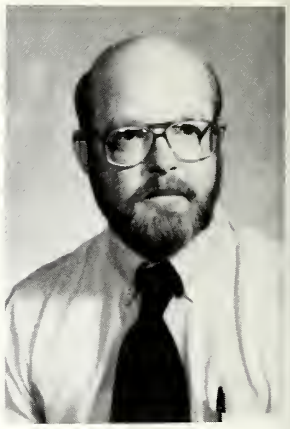

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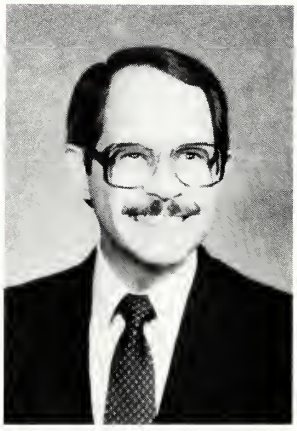

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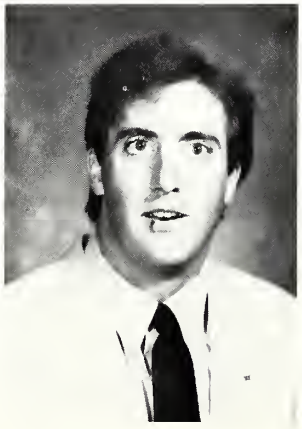

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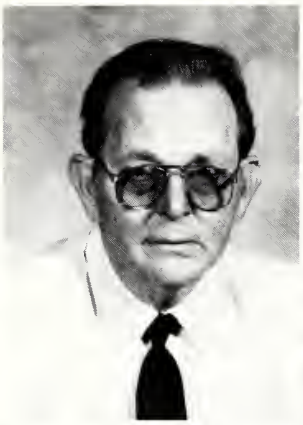

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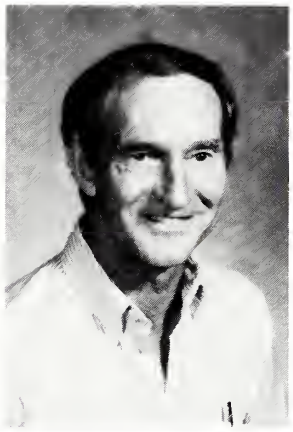

George Mason, Biology
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Polly Mays, Drafting
Paul McElhenney, Masonry Trades

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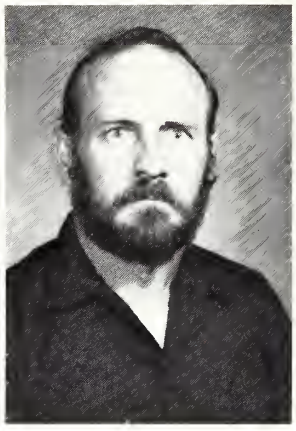
Lois McMullan, Mathematics



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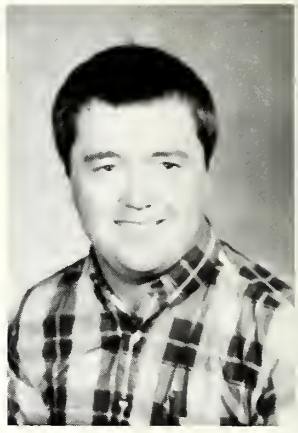

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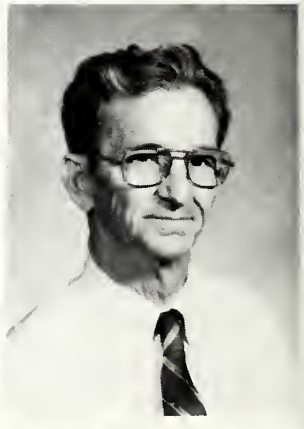

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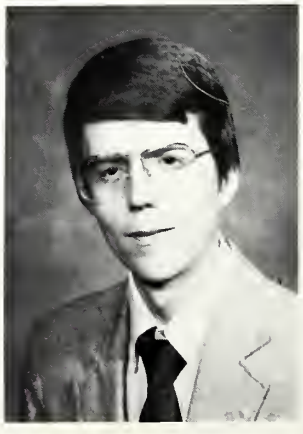

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Ovid Vickers, English
Gail Wood, Library Science
Lucille Wood, Physical Education and Education

Not pictured: Carrie Alford, Alford Deaton, Sammy Pace, Roberta Holt, Gloria Johnson, Versie Kilpatrick, George Lynn, John McKee

Jennie Barker, Secretary, and Felix Knight, instructor of electricity/electronics, check out the latest in computer technology at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Center.

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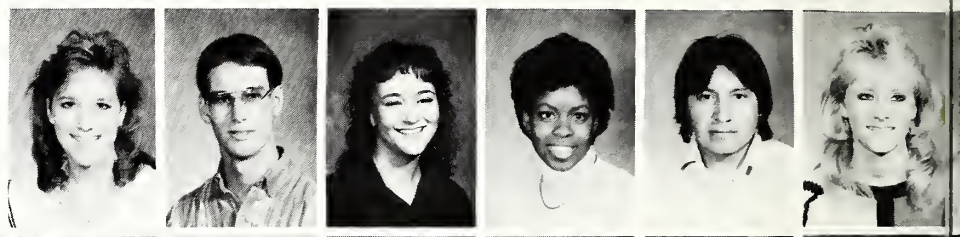

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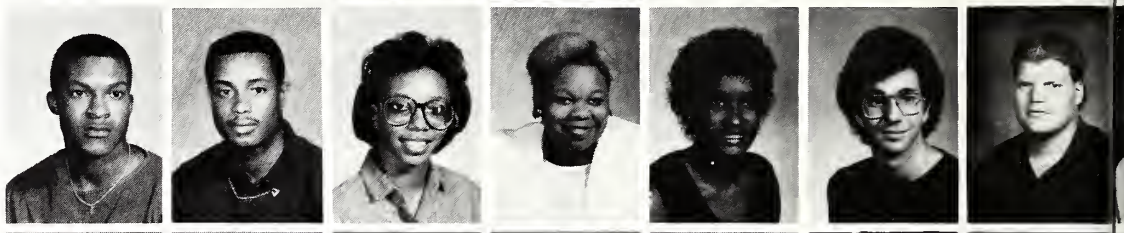

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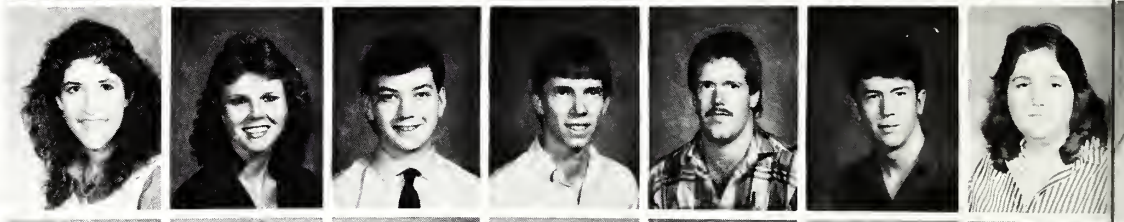

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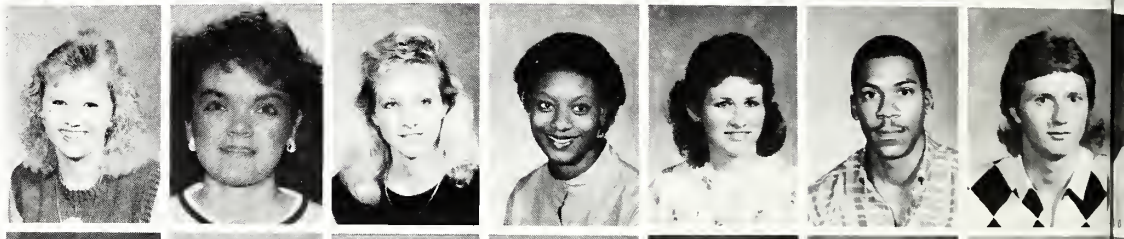

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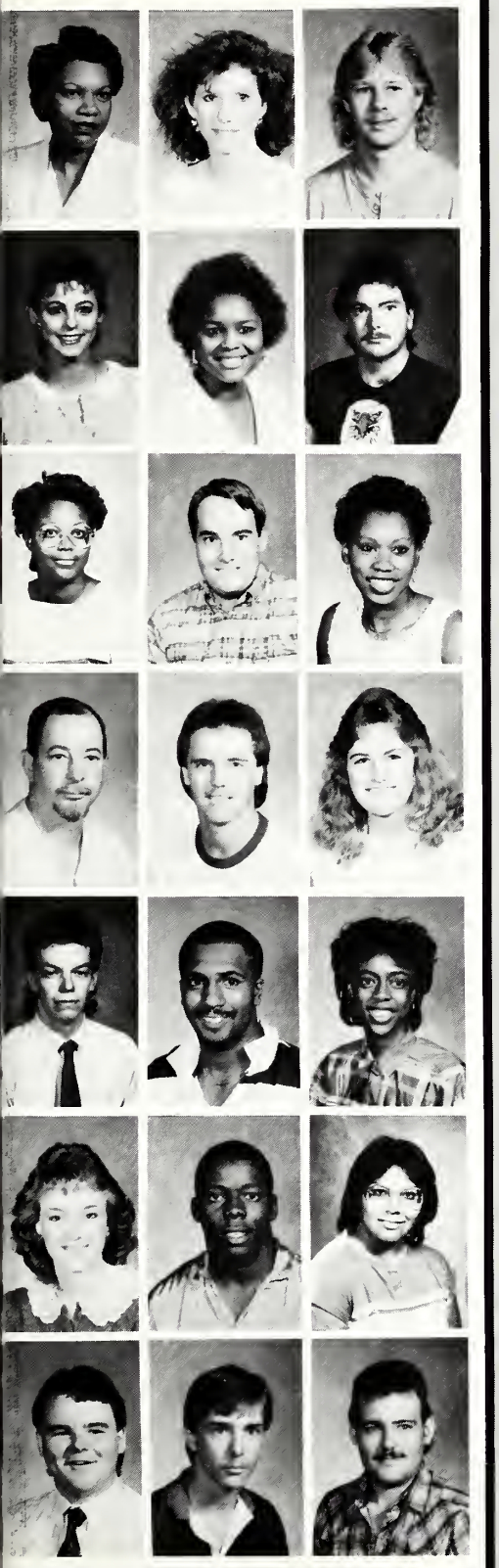


Walk On The Wild Side

Being located in a small town, East Central doesn't offer a wide variety of exciting activities. Therefore, students sometimes have to invent their own.

When pick-up games in the activity center and card games in the student center get old, students look for newer and more innovative forms of entertainment.

Water balloon fights, skateboard races, tennis matches with four people on each side of the net, trying to walk the curb all the way down the mall without falling off — all these offer fun to students who might otherwise get bored.

Misty Watkins, a Centralette from West Lauderdale, puts a little fun into the day with a set of wax lips and Dracula fangs. *Misty* is just one student who can invent her own entertainment when there's nothing happening on campus.

Sheddin Light On Huff Auditorium

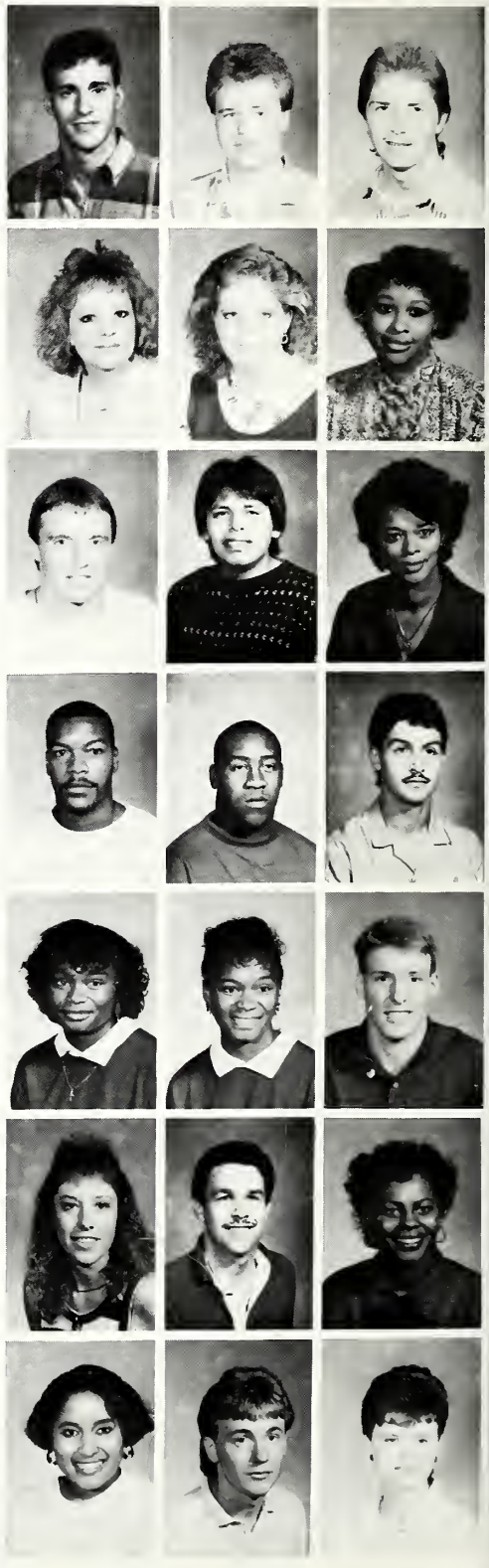
A project which developed during 1987-88 was the renovation of Huff Auditorium, for which the school is attempting to raise money.

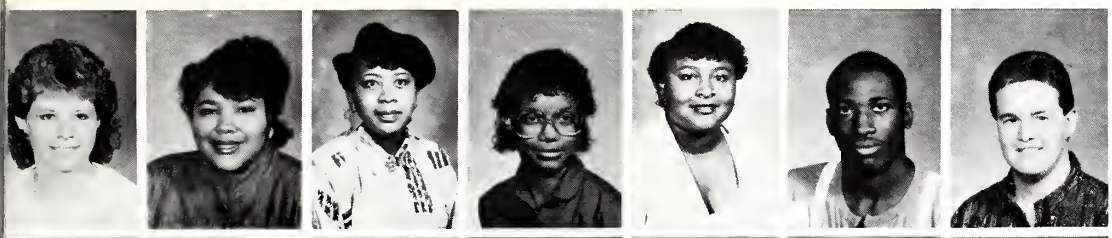
A number of organizations on campus participated in the fund-raising by sponsoring activities to bring in money for the project.

The renovation will take place in stages as money is raised with the first phase being the purchase and installation of new drapes and stage curtains in the facility.

As a preliminary to the renovation, new lights were installed in front of the building. The latest in filtering fluorescent lights were installed with the majority of the working being done by the masonry and electricity students.

Masonry students, under the direction of instructor *Paul D. McElhenney,* lay the foundation for the combination planter-light base in front of Huff Auditorium.





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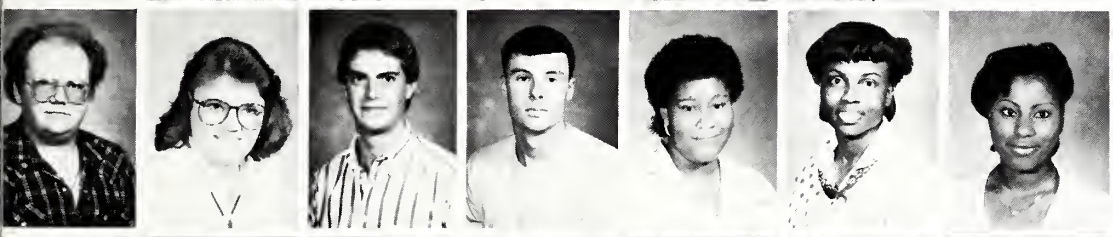

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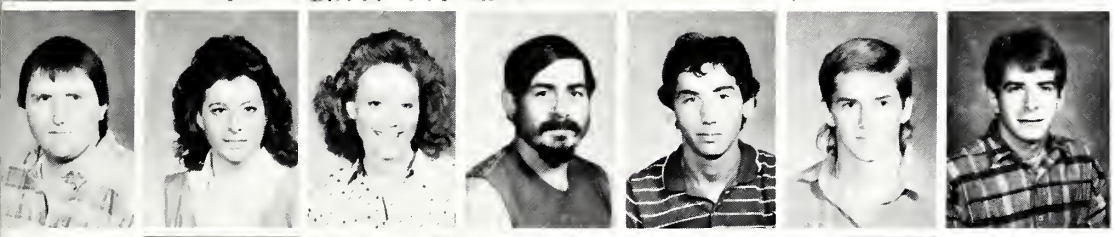

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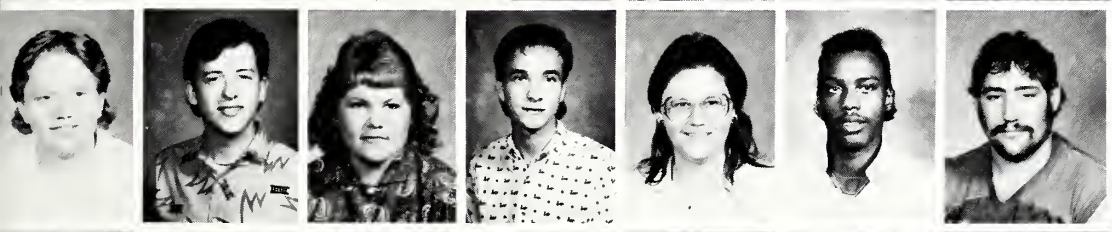

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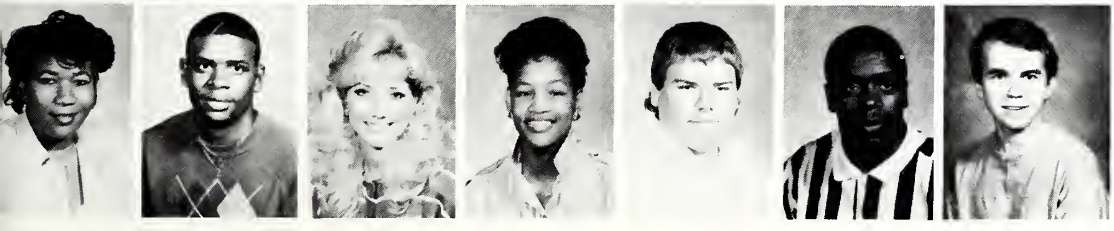

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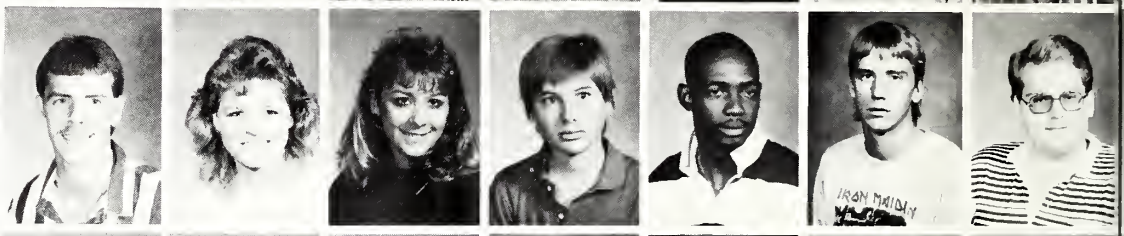

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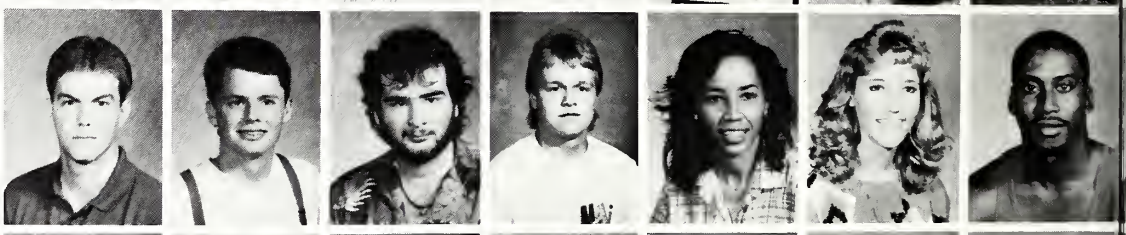

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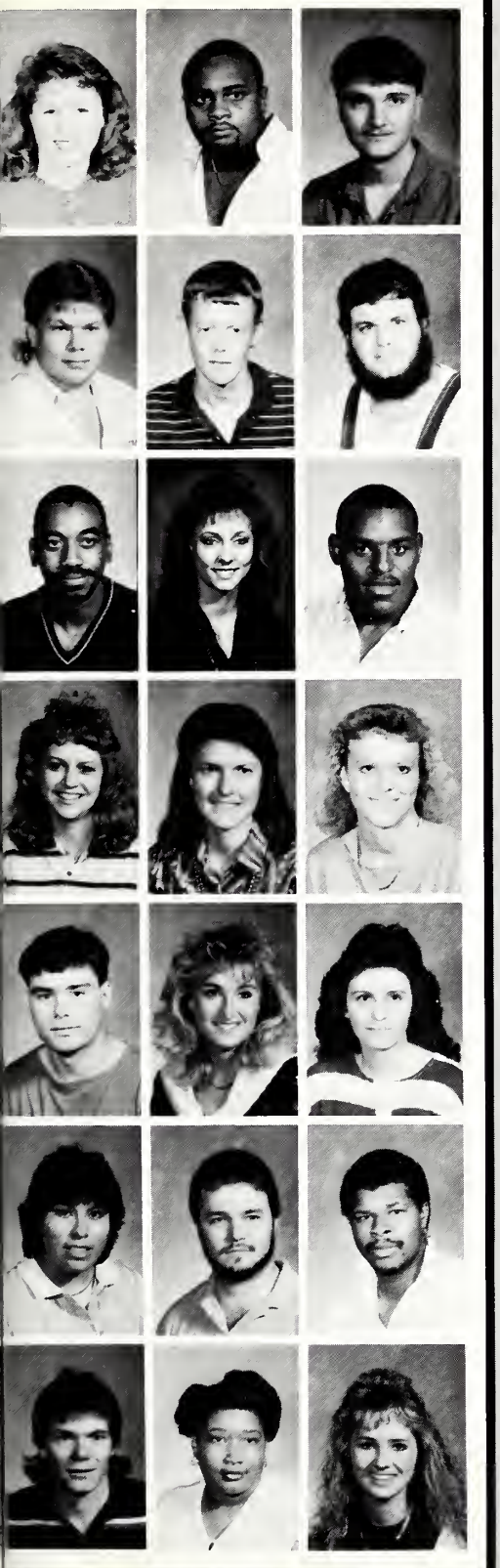


The Spirit That Exists

What would any school be like without its cheerleaders? Let's hope that East Central never has to find out the answer to that question.

It is the cheerleaders who are the center of the spirit that exists on the campus. Cheerleaders are not only enthusiastic at ballgames and pep rallies; they are hardworking all the time.

In addition to keeping up their own studies, cheerleaders spend countless hours preparing to perform and making signs. What spectators see and hear at games or rallies didn't just happen. They never see the "behind-the scenes" work that make any event that the cheerleaders are involved in successful.

"There's paint in your eye!" yells *Melissa* as she helps *Shelley* remove a splash of tempera paint from her eye. Gallons of paint are used each year in making spirit signs.

Marla Gardener and her boyfriend *Felecia Smith* wait apprehensively as *Constable Staper* tries to open *Marla's* locked car.

There once was a little girl who enrolled at a wonderful junior college in Mississippi. She loved this junior college and made many new friends there. She went every day to class and answered questions and took tests and handed in reports.

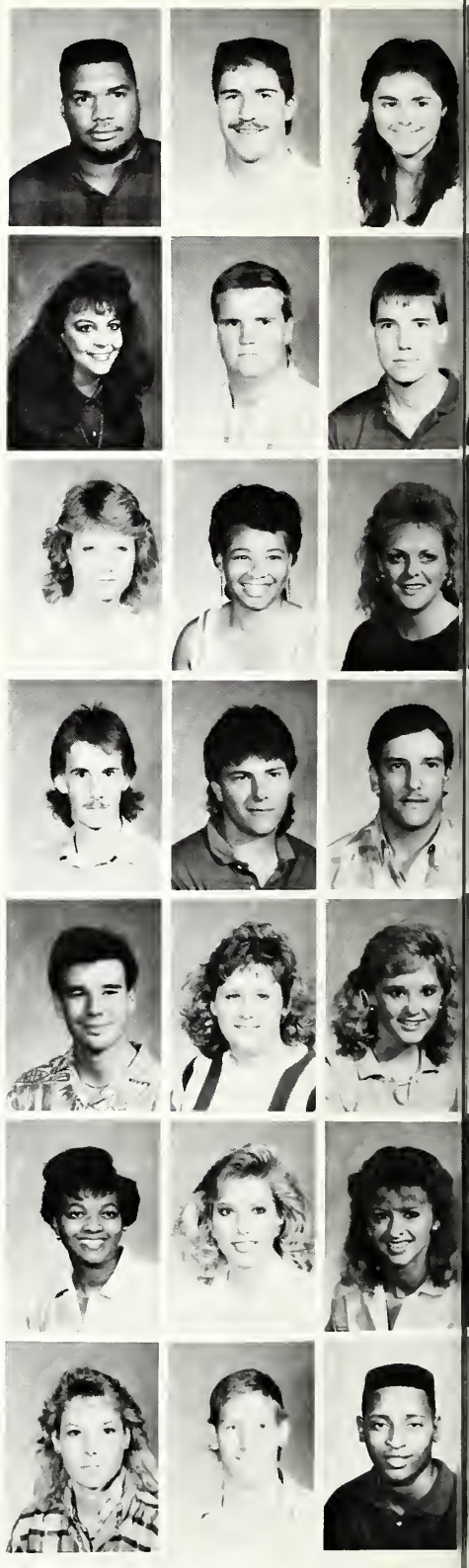
This little girl only had one problem. Every Thursday promptly at 10:30 p.m. she locked her keys in her car. Now, the first time she did this, she thought, "Oh, I've never done this before, and I certainly won't ever do it again."

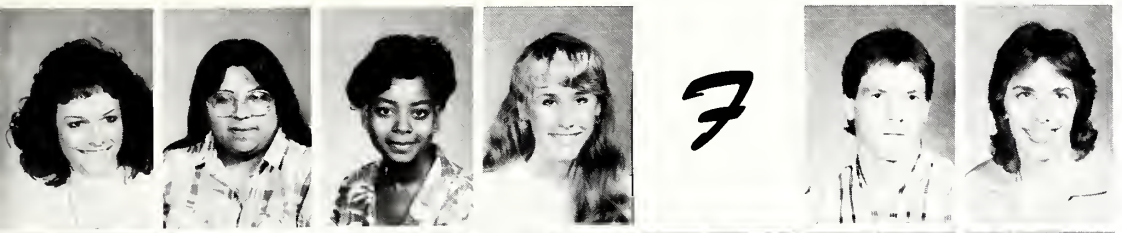
The next Thursday, however, it happened again! Now she was worried. Was she haunted by some unknown ghost of locked cars that caused her to do this terrible deed? Was she doomed to an eternity of tears and calls to the local sheriff's office? Would her father take her car away?

Only the little girl knows the answer to these preseeing questions, and even at this moment she is somewhere coathanger in hand, trying to get into her car.

She'll Have Fun Fun Fun

When Her Daddy Gets A New Set Of Keys





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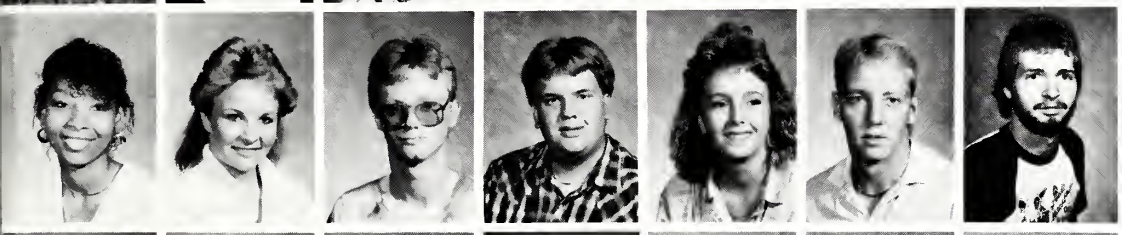

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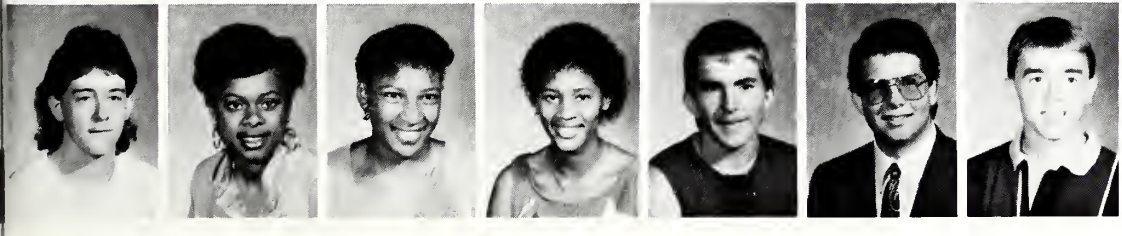

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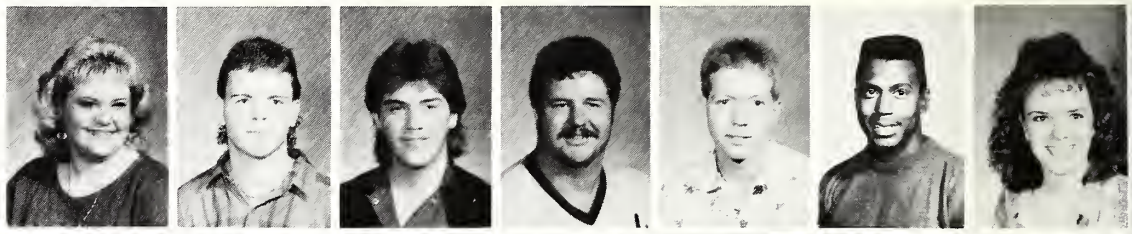

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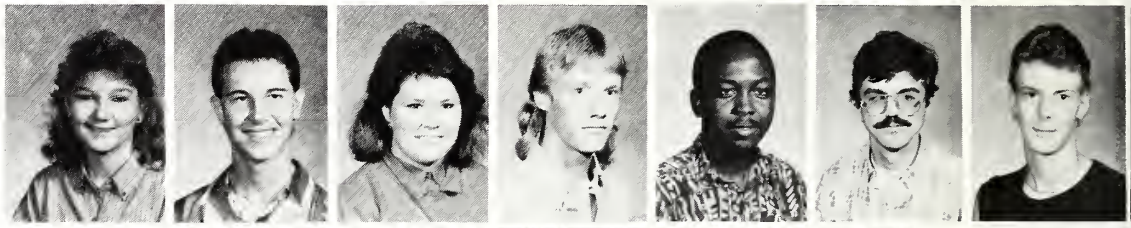

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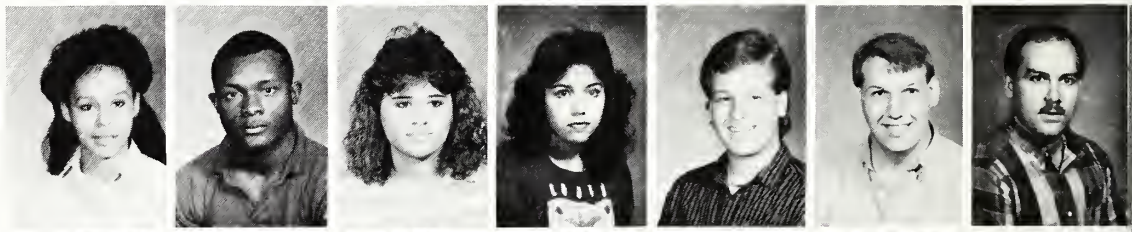

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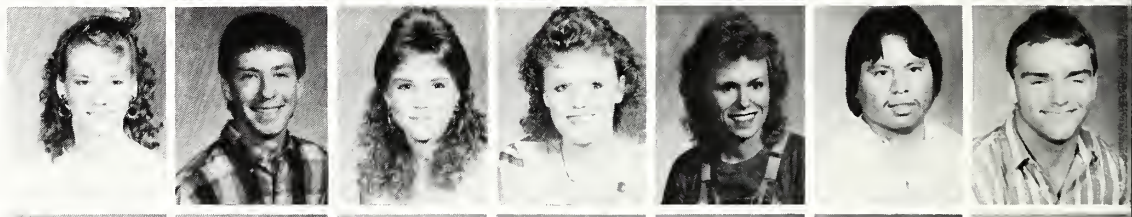

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Mrs. Briseno leads the class in a game of Mexican bingo. Taking part in the game at the annual Christmas party are *Ken Dunn, Richard Boswell, Cynthia Gannan,* and *Robert Kennedy.*

Como Se Dice . . . ?

Mrs. Lilia Briseno, a native of Mexico who is married to a local physician, teaches Spanish at East Central. In addition to giving the students a basic background in speaking and writing Spanish. *Mrs. Briseno* also attempts to provide her students with a sense of the life and culture of her home country.

Each Christmas, students take part in a Mexican game in which they attempt to break the pinata, a paper machier container filled with candy and swung from a post. The student wielding the stick, however, is blindfolded.

One major aspect of the culture of any country is its food, and *Mrs. Briseno* likes for her students to have an idea of what Mexican food is really like, as opposed to the American fast food version.

Touch down!

The time between the end of classes each day and time to go to supper is ordinarily a time of leisure for students. Study can be put off until after supper; after all, a student is entitled to two hours of fun each day.

So, how do EC students fill that fun time?

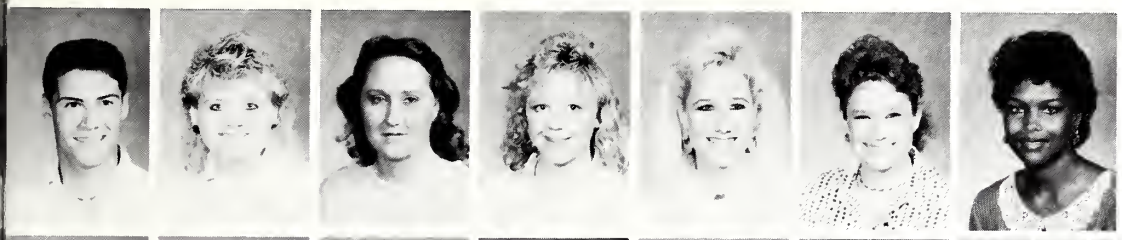
One way is by going to the intramural field to join other students in practicing or playing games. A typical afternoon will find from 50 to 100 students at the field, some watching, some playing, some sitting in cars listening to music — just "being together."

People who have never picked up a football can succeed in flag football. It takes little talent or speed, and enthusiasm counts for a lot.

"I hardly know the difference between quarterback and tackle," said *Penny Crawford,* "but I had a great time every game we played. I recommend intramurals to everyone."

Penny Crawford gets set to put up a long pass — if she can control her laughter long enough to get the pass off.

"Hey, don't off and leave me," *Jennifer Humphries* says. "Stop the play until I can get back into the game!"



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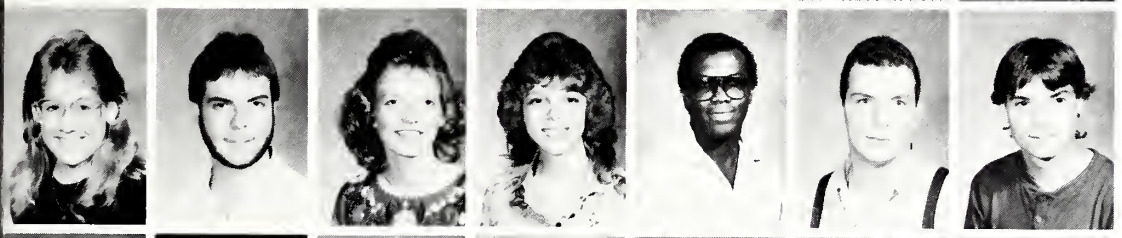

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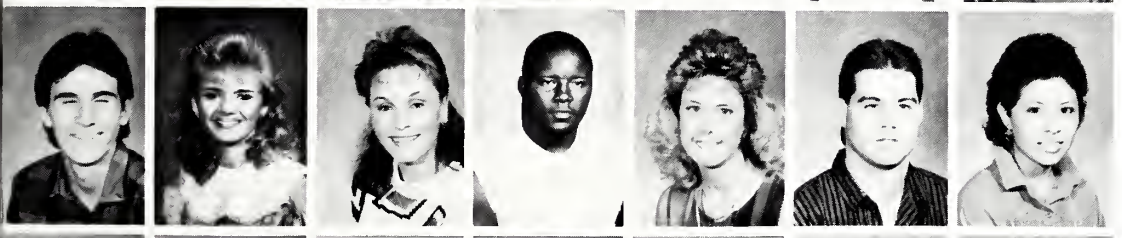

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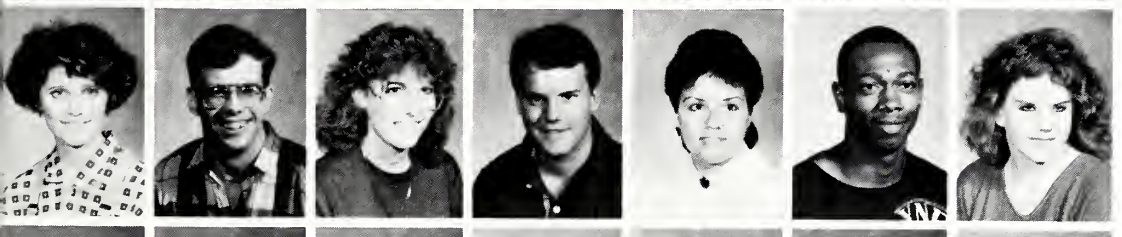

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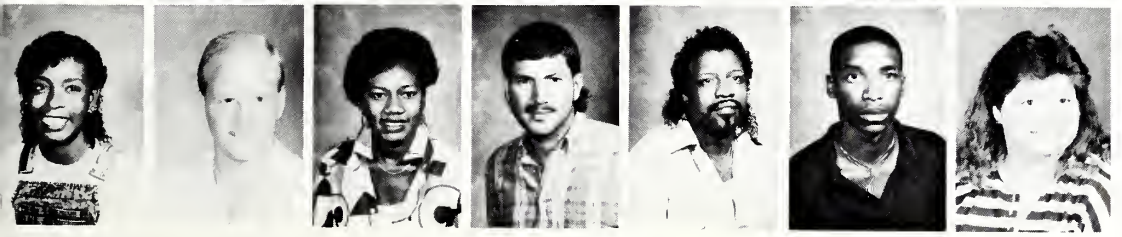

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Howard Morgan
Angie Morrow

There is always a big turnout for the ECJC dance. These students heated up the dance floor as they rocked to *Michael Jackson's* "The Way You Make Me Feel."

Deon Horne struts her stuff at the Christmas Claus Ball.

The first "Clause Ball" held on the campus was cause for celebration. It was almost exam time; Christmas was only three weeks away; and students needed a break from studying.

Dances at East Central are always exciting, whether they are more formal like the spring freshman-sophomore prom or informal like the Clause Ball.

It was lights, music, action as the Clause Ball started. The DJs spun the current hits amid a fantastic light show.

Other dances on the campus during the 1987-88 school year included the homecoming dance, the welcome back street dance, an election dance, a club fundraiser, and a Halloween dance.

"She's Not Ugly . . . . . She's My Roommate."

It has been said that some people will do anything for a cause, and East Central students are no exception. When the cause is school spirit and the time is the week before homecoming, there are no boundries.

During the fall of 1987, spirit reached a new high with the occurrence of the "Mess Pearl River Pageant," a womanless beauty pageant featuring some of the school's most daring young men wearing some of the girlfriends' most provocative creations.

When the smoke had cleared and the judges had been hustled out of the auditorium to avoid being rushed by the jealous "non-winners," *B.J. Johnson* was crowned the winner, proving once again that a girl's beauty is never hampered by the size of her mustache.

Band representative, *Bud Johnston,* leads the crowd in a round of "The Hokey Pokey."

"Elsie Ann Borden" a.k.a. *Teto Harrell* introduces "herself" and tells the audience of her ambition to forge new frontiers in dairy science.

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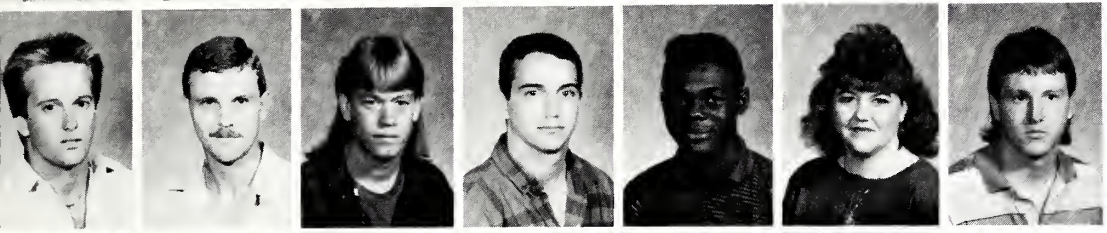

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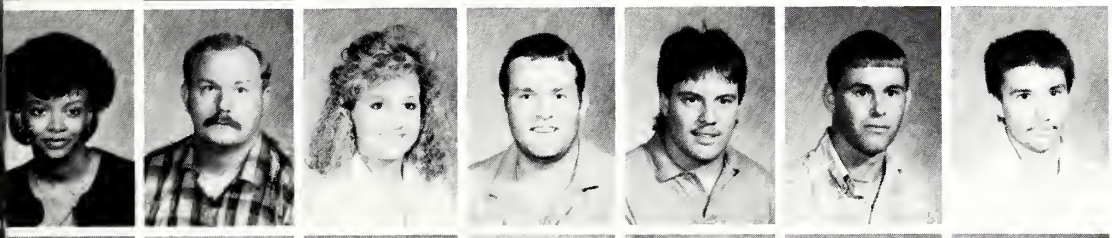

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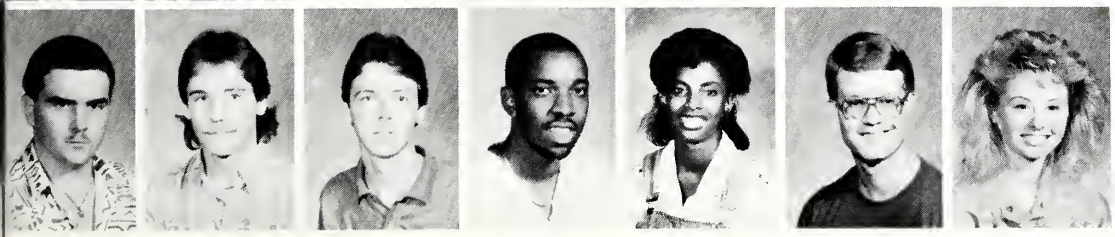

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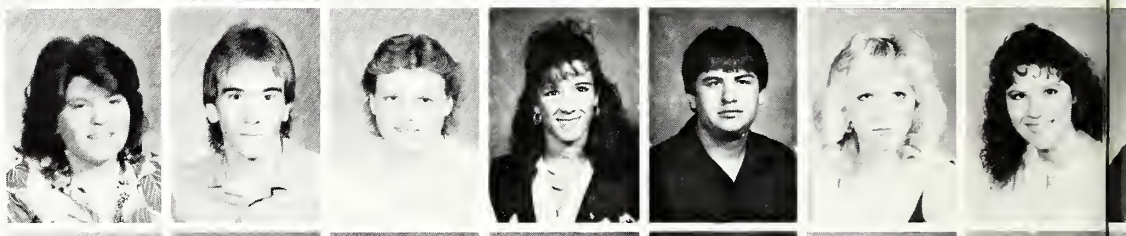

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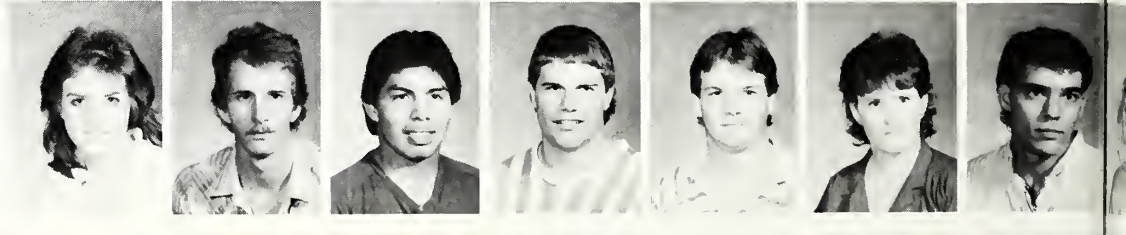

Tracey Edwards takes part in "Love in Any Language," a band number in which the band learned the sign language to the words of the song.

Delores Mullin belts out a Whitney Houston number at the Mess Pageant.

Talent . . .

Talent takes many forms, and EC students exhibit it in all forms. Whether it is the ability to get up before a group and sing or to lead cheers, to twirl a rifle or give a devotion, students are willing to share their talents.

And there are countless opportunities to show off talent on the campus. Each fall, there is a campus wide talent contest, and there is always a scramble to get a seat in the auditorium for the contest.

The band offers another opportunity to show off talent as do the *Collegians,* the choirs, the jazz and jazz bands, the BSU musical group known as *"Heart Sound,"* the football, baseball and basketball teams, intramurals, and the list could go on and on.

While students might sometimes appear somewhat reluctant to put themselves in the limelight, EC students won't sit back and hide their lights under a buschel when the time comes.

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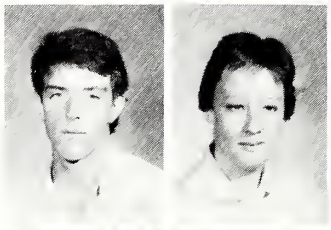
Debra Wilson



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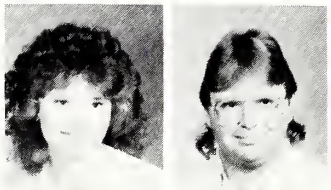

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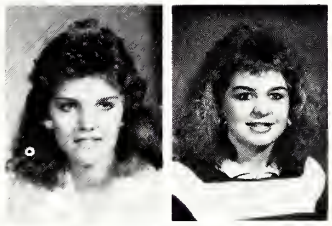

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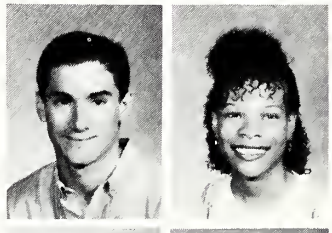


Brian Young
Helen Young

Willie Young
Yolanda Young

EC Students Answer The Call

EC students always come to the aid of those in need. When the call went out for the annual blood drive, students responded with typical Warrior Spirit.

The blood drive was sponsored by the VICA Club this year, and more than 200 students showed up.

The blood drive is only one example of how students show a spirit of community with others. Another instance was Phi Beta Lambda's food drive which netted several hundred dollars worth of food for needy families.

In another example, Phi Theta Kappa participated in a program to collect pop tops which a kidney dialysis patient could exchange through a soft drink company for treatment.

Penny Crawford wanted to do her part, but she probably didn't know she was going to faint when she got up from the table. "It was worth it," she later confided. "Someone probably needed it more than I did."

Debra Wilson, a nursing major, finds out what it's like to be on the receiving end of the needle as she gives blood.

Mona Moore offers encouragement to **Eddy deVroede** as he recovers from giving blood.

Chris Johnson nervously awaits the moment to take his place and donate blood. Most students felt it was not a fun thing to do, but also felt it was their duty to help.

Answering The Call

Proving once more that ECJC students care about others, each summer the BSU sends student missionaries to other states to do mission work. **Tina Stokes** steals a minute as she works in the library to read about the area of California where she worked last summer. **Michelle Gray** spent the summer in Ohio, and both she and Tina have reapplied along with several other students to do mission work in the summer of 1988. The BSU works during the year to raise money to send the students into the mission field.

Mud In Your Eye

The first warm day in spring brings out the zany antics in **Lori Clark** and **Jennifer Humphries.** "It was great," they later remembered. "It had been so cold, and we had been shut up for so long, that we didn't even hesitate before we ran out in the rain."

Sophomore Class Officers

Chosen by their classmates to lead the sophomore class are: B. J. Johnson, President; Marsha Maxey, Vice-President; Shelly Wolverton, Secretary; Melissa Thrash, Treasurer; and Vicki Arthur and Brad Fisher, Representatives to the Student Body Association.

Leading the freshman class are: Ardy Reed, President; Angie Morrow, Vice-President; Mona Moore, Secretary; Penny Crawford, Treasurer; Tonya Trapp, Freshman Representative to Student Body Association.

Freshman Class Officers

"In The Name Of Progress"

EC's resident computer programmer, **Hal Fulton,** offers some helpful tips to **Shelly Moore.**

Exciting competition takes place when East Central's best assembles to try out for a much-coveted spot on the Scholar's Bowl Team.

These Made A Name For Themselves . . .

Among the highest honors a junior college student can receive is to be named to "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." This year twenty-two students at East Central achieved this honor.

Qualifications for being named to Who's Who include participation in campus activities, grade point average, projection of a positive image for the junior college, and recommendation by faculty.

Gene Davis, Dean of Students, coordinates the selection of these students from the sophomore class. "Selection is always a difficult thing," Davis stated. "While the final selections are made by the national committee, we are very careful to nominate only those students who will represent East Central Junior College well."

Four students from Leake County were named to Who's Who. They are **Sheila Goodwin, Vicki Arthur, Julie Adams,** and **Marshall Watkins.**

Standing in front of Huff Auditorium, the 1987-88 class of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges poses for their official photograph. Inductees are. (Front row) Suzanna Kennedy, Tammie Todd, Brenda Dearing, Meschelle Jacobs, Melanie Huffman, Vicki Arthur, Missy Whitmire; (Second Row) Jeff Wall, Kent Spiva, Mellissa Jimmerson, Sheila Goodwin, Marshall Watkins, Marsha Stovall, Shelton Vance, Renee Thaggard, Lee Adams, Julie Adams, Terry Matula, Melissa Thrash, and Shea Hailey. (Not pictured: Amy Pouncey and Lariette Brooks)

From Winston County, these students made Who's Who: **Kent Spiva, Missy Whitmire, Tammie Todd,** and **Mellissa Jimmerson.**

Those from Newton County in Who's Who include **Suzanna Kennedy, Meschelle Jacobs, Melissa Thrash,** (Back Row) **Jeff Wall, Shelton Vance,** and **Shea Hailey.**

These students from Neshoba County will be listed in the 1987-88 edition of Who's Who: (Front Row) **Brenda Dearing, Melanie Huffman, Marsha Stovall, Renee Thaggard;** (Back Row) **Terry Matula** and **Lee Adams.**

Who's Who In American Junior Colleges

ECJC Hall Of Fame:

"This man is going places." This is the way one faculty member described **Wiley Adams.** Wiley has been an outstanding student during his two years at East Central, having been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He received a Valedictory Scholarship to East Central in addition to a scholarship from Weyerhaeuser Corp. He is a Scholastic All-American and has been in the Honors English and Literature Program.

In his nomination, another faculty member said of Wiley, "Some day this college can point to him with pride as a former student."

The President of the Student Body Association at East Central has a tremendous responsibility, and few presidents have filled that responsibility as well as **Shea Hailey.** While serving as SBA President, Shea has been a member of the Warrior Corps, a football manager, a member of the Absentee Appeals and Discipline Committees, and has served as Chairman of the President's Council. During the summer of 1987, he returned to the campus for summer orientation to assist freshmen in getting off to a good start at East Central.

One comment which seems to summarize Shea's contributions to the campus comes from one of his faculty nominations for Hall of Fame. "Shea has a unique ability to lead in difficult situations and to maintain his integrity while remaining popular with his peers."

The Best Of The Best

A graduate of Hickory High School, **Suzanna Kennedy** has proved herself an outstanding student, both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. She has been a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa, the President's Council, the WOHELO staff, the Scholar's Bowl Team, and the ECJC Players.

Suzanna received the Freshman Chemistry Award and the National Collegiate Engineering Award. She has served as an officer in a number of campus organizations, including the presidency of Mu Alpha Theta.

Stated one faculty member of Suzanna, "She has learned, perhaps better than any student I know, to balance her academic work with extracurricular activities."

The President of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, a member of the 1988 Scholar's Bowl Team, treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa, and a member of the President's Council, **Terry Matula** still found time to maintain an average of 3.778 in the engineering curriculum. Terry is a 1988 Scholastic All-American and a member of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

"Terry meets his responsibilities in a quiet, efficient manner," one nomination stated. "He will bring recognition to himself and to the college in the future."

Hall Of Famers Excel

Melissa Thrash has been one of the busiest students at East Central for the past two years. Serving as head football cheerleader, she has participated in numerous other activities while maintaining an average of 3.67. This year, Melissa is president of Phi Theta Kappa, is Secretary of the Warrior Corps, Secretary of the President's Council, and a Scholastic All-American.

She has also been a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Mu Alpha Theta, the TOM-TOM staff, the Dorm Council, the election committee, the curriculum committee, and has served as secretary of the sophomore class. She received the high honor of being chosen for Phi Theta Kappa's Golden Key Leadership Award and appears in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

As noted by one of her teachers, "Melissa is interested in and involved in a wide range of activities. She is always willing to go that extra step beyond what is required of her, a trait which will stand her in good stead in the future."

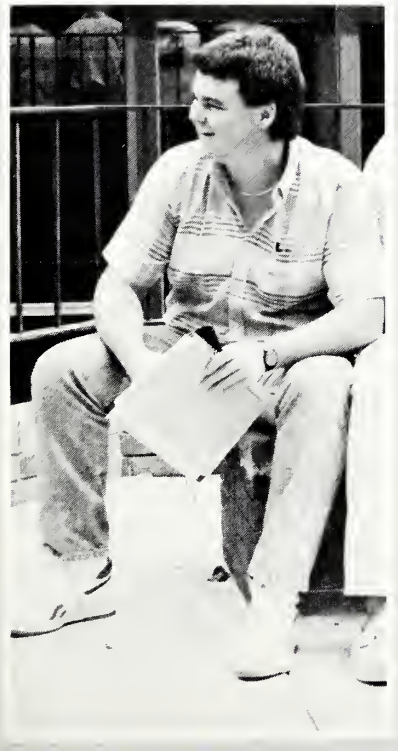
Marshall Watkins serves as Captain of the Scholar's Bowl Team for 1988. Marshall is a truly versatile person, with interests in things which range from the theatre to chess. He has served for two years as co-editor of the WOHELO, has had lead roles in dinner theatre and musical productions, has played in the marching band, and has been named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

A native of Carthage, Marshall plans a career in communications. He has worked as a peer tutor in all levels of mathematics from Basic Algebra through Trigonometry. He is also a member of BSU and the TOM-TOM staff.

As one of his nominations stated, "East Central would have been a poorer place the past two years without Marshall's contributions."

The highest honor a student at East Central Junior College can receive is to be placed in the Hall of Fame. Membership in the Hall of Fame is reserved for that small number of students who are deemed worthy, because of their academic records and their contributions to campus life, of being remembered as "The Best of the Best."

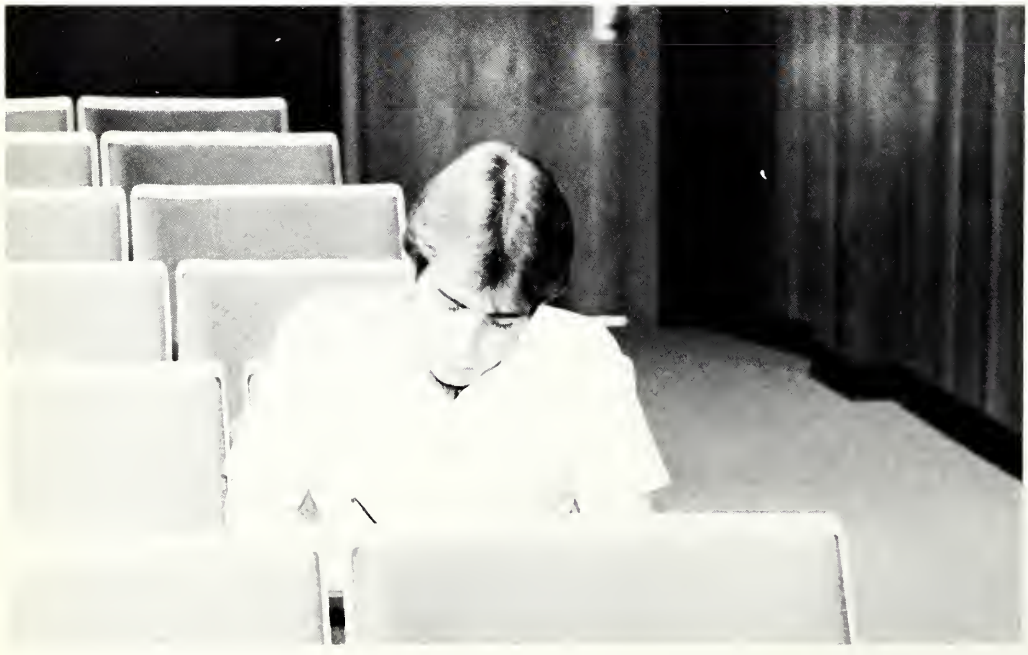
This year, six outstanding graduating sophomores are added to the Hall of Fame. Whether visiting in the student center, making a purchase in the bookstore, waiting for a friend on the mall, reading for a part in a play, or preparing for Scholar's Bowl competition, these students exemplify those qualities that are synonymous with the Spirit of ECJC.



Bowl Bound

Sherri Copeland flashes a smile as she carries a load of books to class. Sherri is an Engish major from Neshoba Central.

Marshall Watkins puzzles earnestly over one of the questions on the written test for a place on the Scholar's Bowl Team. Marshall is a theatre major from Carthage.



Terry Matula, an engineering major from Neshoba Central, seems to breeze through the written examination.

Suzanna Kennedy, an engineering major from Hickory, shows that even Bowl Team members have a sense of humor.

The 1987-88 ECJC Scholar's Bowl team members are: (Front row) **Suzanna Kennedy** and **Sherri Copeland;** (back row) **Terry Matula, Marshall Watkins,** captain; **Teto Harrell,** alternate, and **Eugene Cliburn,** alternate.

Dr. Ethridge, a member of the faculty selection committee for Scholar's Bowl, prepares his next question as **Mr. Vickers** finishes asking a question.

In keeping with its tradition for academic excellence, East Central once again in 1987-88 is fielding a team for the annual Scholar's Bowl Competition sponsored by the University of Mississippi.

Beginning with nominations from faculty, students are first given a written test and then participate in a mock bowl in which not only knowledge but quickness becomes a factor. When the preliminary competition is over, four team members and two alternates are named.

Now in its fourth year of participation, East Central has brought home the first place trophy for two years in a row, placing added pressure on this year's team. As much as $12,000 in scholarship money will be awarded to the winning team, with additional scholarship money available for number of questions answered.

The team is sponsored by Dr. Shelby Harris who accompanies them to the University for the competition.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for junior college students, is an unusually busy group at ECJC. Their purposes are to promote academic excellence among junior colleges and to provide services for the college. During 1987-88, the Theta Xi Chapter at ECJC lived up to its purpose. The chapter hosted the Miss.-Tenn.-La. Regional Leadership Conference, assisted with homecoming and Veteran's Day on the campus, assisted the local DAR Chapter in distributing copies of the U.S. Constitution to shcool children, held several programs on honors topics, and attended the National Convention in Washington, D.C. **Anne Burkes** and **Shelby Harris** sponsor the local chapter.

Current officers of Theta Xi Chapter include: Suzanna Kennedy, Co-Historian; Marsha Stovall, Vice-President; Terry Matula, Treasurer; Melissa Thrash, President; Jeff Wall, Reporter; Meschelle Jacobs, Secretary; and Melanie Huffman, Co-Historian.

Initiated in December, 1987 were: First Row: Brenda Trosper, Tammy Woods, Sedera Irons, Heather Watts, Michelle Gibbs, Stacey Porter, Marsha Livingston, Tammy Kirkland; Second Row: Leanne Brantley, Nina Mosley, Tanya Henry, Leigh Ann Russell, Doreen Ryals, Eles Daugherty, Nikki Minard; Third Row: Phil Duncan, Miles Porter, Wade Scott, Reggie Shoemaker, Mike Cooper, and Steve Deaton.

Meschelle Jacobs, a sophomore Phi Theta Kappan from Decatur, enjoys the annual Phi Theta Kappa party.

Phi Theta Kappans **John Hardin** and Tammy Kirkland chat with business office secretary **Laura Baggett.** "Phi Theta Kappa members receive automatic scholarships to a number of universities," **Mrs. Baggett** explains.

Waiting for alumni to arrive on Homecoming morning, **Melanie Huffman, Shelton Vance** and **Marsha Stovall** are only three Phi Theta Kappans who worked on Homecoming.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is the engineering club at East Central and is sponsored by Dr. Shelby Harris. A A E is composed of students majoring in engineering. The club holds regular monthly meetings and is an active participant in all campus activities.

Officers for A A E for 1987-88 are: Terry Matula, Presidents; Stacey Lashley, Vice-President; Randall Copeland, Social Chairman; and Vicki Arthur, Secretary-Treasurer.

Phillip Nelson, Terry Matula, and Ladell Reynolds seem to be enjoying AAE's Christmas Party.

Dr. Shelby Harris is the advisor for Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

Four members of AAE this year are: Wayne Scott, LeFarn McDonald, Josef Mainka, and Troy Hight.

Susan Fox (center) and other SEA members listen as sponsor **Lucille Wood** explains some things about the COMP Test which all education majors must pass before entering a university.

Student Education Association

SEA Officers are **Tammie Todd,** Vice-President; **Amy Parker,** President; and **Tammy Kirkland,** Secretary.

Home Economics Club members pose in the Parlor of the Home Economics Department. Members are (Front Row) Jamie Davidson, Stephanie Thornton, and Jennifer Humphries; (Back Row) Lori Clark and Amy Pouncy, President. (Not pictured - Patsy Mims).

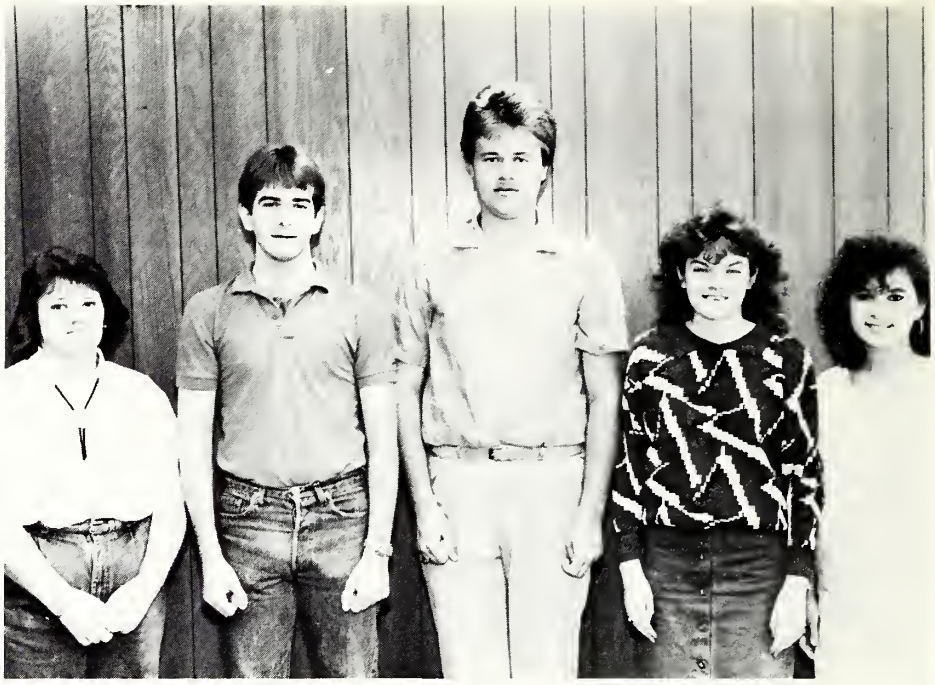
The Home Economics Club, sponsored by Alice Pouncey, seeks to promote the field of home economics for those students interested in that field. During the current year, the group attended the Trees of Christmas at Merrehope in Meridian and visited Burlington Mills in Stonewall.

Home Economics Club

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is the honorary math society at East Central. The purpose of this organization is to stimulate interest in mathematics and to provide recognition of superior scholarship.

The membership for 1987-88 totals 45 students. Major activites for the year included constructing a display for Homecoming, raising funds for Huff Auditorium, and conducting programs of interest to students in math.



Jamie Davidson, a freshman from Carthage, signs the membership roster as she is inducted into Mu Alpha Theta.

(Top Photo) Mu Alpha Theta officers for 1987-88 are: Suzanna Kennedy, President, Terry Matula, Vice-President, Teto Harrell, Secretary, Brenda Dearing, Treasurer, and Meschelle Jacobs, Social Chairman.

Members of Mu Alpha Theta pose for their yearbook picture outside the math classrooms. Members are students who excell in, and are interested in, the field of mathematics. Students do not have to be math majors to be in the organization.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is composed of students majoring in the premedical fields. Ron Davis is the advisor for this group of students. The organization presents programs on medical opportunities, makes visits to hospitals and obtains information of interest to students who plan to go into professions relating to medicine.

(Top) Officers of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau are: Sheila Goodwin, President; Debra Wilson, Missy Whitmire, and Marsha Maxey.

Members of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau include: Front Row: Debra Wilson, Missy Whitmire, Marsha Maxey, and Shea Hailey; Row 2: Mary Nell Vandevender, Sonya Horton, Mary Johnson, and Sheila Goodwin; Row 3: Randy Fullington, Denice Luckett, Eleice Luckett, and Ronald Davis.

Premedical students listen with great interest as Mr. Davis talks about opportunities for jobs in the fields of physical therapy and nursing.

"The Name Of The Game"

Greg Warren from Forest steps to the plate to warm up before a game on the Warrior baseball field.

Miles Porter takes time out from a rugged practice to check on injured teammate **Mickey McMillan.**

Team Shows Improvement

A Step In The Right Direction Pays Off For The Warriors

In the fall of 1987, the name of the game at ECJC was definitely football. For the first time since 1981, the team advanced to the state playoffs, compiling a record of 7 and 3 before losing in the playoffs to Northwest.

This year's Warrior team was truly phenomenal, as statistics point out. EC racked up 267 total points as compared to 130 points for their opponents. In total offense, the Warriors gained a total of 3,835 yards to 2,830 by opponents.

Individually, the Warriors compiled impressive statistics also. Marvin Pearson scored twelve touchdowns and ran for two extra points accounting for a total of 74 points. Pearson also led the Warriors in rushing with a total of 155 carries for 827 yards gained. EC's leading receiver was Phillip Donald who caught 22 passes for a total of 373 yards.

Mecedric Calloway in eleven games returned 17 kickoffs and 30 punt returns for a total of 764 yards. **Verandel Irons** attempted 29 PATs and was good on 25 of them, while **Michael Killens** punted the ball 50 times for a total of 1843 yards. His longest punt was one of 63 yards.

In the defensive arena, **Angelo Smith** led the team with 55 individual tackles and 82 assists, followed by **Mickey McMillan** with 49 individual tackles and 56 assists.

When the season ended, and the teams had been evaluated by the Miss.

Just The Right Combination Of Coaches And Players Leads To Success

Coach Kilpatrick stands by as the team gives High Fives at the final pep rally.

In the tough playoff game against Northwest, the defense was called upon time and again to stop the Rangers. Here **Mecedric Calloway** (24), **Frank Jackson** (56), **Andre Griffin** (44), and **Chris White** (62) stop a Ranger player.

Junior College Athletic Association, four Warriors had been named to the Junior College All-State team. Warriors making the All-State team are: **Mecedric Calloway, Marvin Pearson, Tim Sattinger,** and **Paul Heard,** with **Calloway** being named the Most Outstanding Defensive Back in the South Division.

Named to play in the Junior College All-Star Classic were **Calloway, Pearson, Sattinger, Heard,** and **Richard Basil.**

After a decisive victory over Southwest, happy Warriors, including **Pat Maertens** (No. 77) give **Coach Kilpatrick** a victory ride off the field.

Coming off the field after a successful stand, Warrior defenders, **Cedric Nichols** (25), **Paul Heard** (72), and **Michael Sewell** (84) get a verbal pat on the back from **Coach Triplett.**

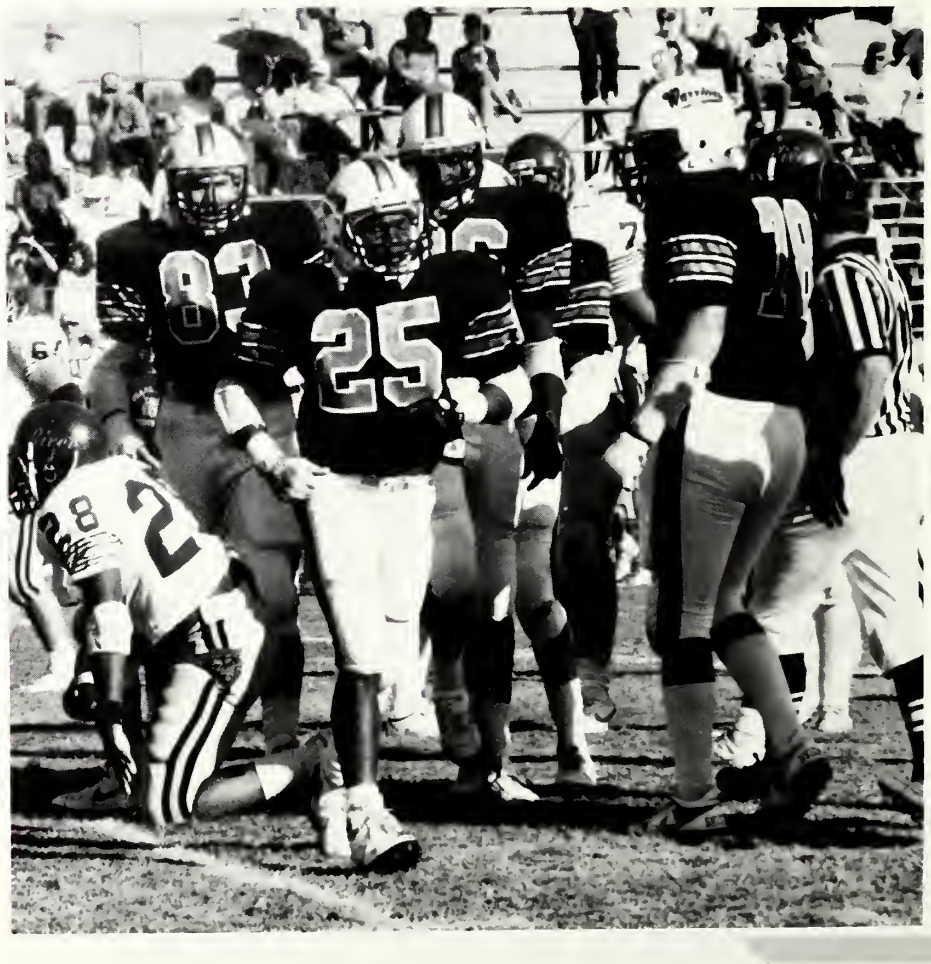
The Big Picture
1987

EC - 17	Northwest - 16
EC - 0	Gulf Coast - 7
EC - 27	East Miss. - 19
EC - 24	Co-Lin - 23
EC - 7	Hinds - 14
EC - 21	Pearl River - 0
EC - 38	Delta - 0
EC - 22	Jones - 3
EC - 44	Southwest - 0
EC - 28	Itawamba - 31
EC - 17	Northwest - 21
(playoff)	

Richard Basil is dragged down by a Ranger defender in the playoff game as **Marvin Pearson** (33) and **Cedric Nichols** (25) looks helplessly on.

Michael Oliver, freshman from Newton, awaits instructions from Coaches **Triplett, Arban and Kilpatrick** as sophomore quarterback, **Richard Basil,** takes a breather.

Defensive end **Hosea McBeath,** arrives in time to assist teammate **Tony Jordan** down a player at the annual homecoming game. The Warriors won the game against Pearl River by a score of 21 — 0.



Cedric Nichols(No. 25) strides purposefully away after a play while **John Williams** (No. 83) and **Mickey McMillan** (No.78) stay behind to get set up for the next play.

Fullback **Marvin Pearson** eludes a Jones County defender. **Pearson's** run on this play was only one of those which helped establish him as one of East Central's all-time yardage gainers.

Offensive tackle **Brad Breland** and defensive end **Tony Jordan** wait their turn to be introduced at the first pep rally of the fall.

1987 Warrior Team members include: (front row) Michael Killen, Willie Thames, Verandel Irons, Richard Basil, Cedric Jordan, Don Moore, Mecedric Calloway, Cedric Nichols, and Tory Ferrell, (second row) Marvin Pearson, Miles Porter, Jessie Nelson, Henry Coleman, Tim Clayton, Angelo Smith, Tim Sattinger, Eugene Rhodes, and Allen Williams; (third row) William Constant, Brad Breland, Paul Heard, Patrick Maertens, Mickey McMillan, Donnie Elliott, John Williams and Michael Sewell.

Building Spirit

It takes courage to put your life in the hands of a group, but that's exactly what **Dale Brooks** does every time she climbs on top of the pyramid.

Rhonda Jones, a freshman from Hickory, shows the spirit that is always evident in EC cheerleaders.

Members of the 1987 Warrior Football Cheerleaders Squad strike a more formal pose with the Warrior Chief. The squad this year included: (front) **Sonya Federick, Cindy Grimm, Lisa Lott, Dale Brooks, and Cindy Fulton;** back; **Shelley Wolverton, Rhonda Jones,** Warrior Chief **Paul Pryor, Tonya Trapp,** and **Melissa Thrash.**

Lisa Lott and **Dale Brooks** catch some rays at the Beach Party pep rally, proving that when the cheerleaders are involved, it only takes imagination to have a good time.

RAH! RAH!

The ECJC football cheerleaders have a long-established name as a group full of spirit and enthusiasm; this year, however, they have enhanced that name even more through hard work and achievement.

During the summer, the cheerleaders, led by head cheerleader **Melissa Thrash,** practiced long, hot hours to prepare for the fall. They attended cheerleader camp at the University of West Florida in Pensacola and came away with not only the spirit stick but four Superior ratings, one Excellent rating and one outstanding ribbon.

Members of the cheerleader squad have a tremendous responsibility in addition to their regular classwork. They must spend time each week reviewing their performance, and working on pyramids, dances, and partner stunts. One of the most time consuming chores is that of making the "run-through" signs for the games — sometimes two per game on special occasions. Coming up with a good idea for a run-through takes time, and then executing the sign in a size of 10 ft. by 25 ft. takes several hours.

Cheerleaders perform not only at games but at pep rallies and other special events on campus, including Senior Night. They are the focal point of support behind the football team; and while they may appear carefree at games, they feel their obligation strongly.

"After the two regular season games we lost," said **Melissa Thrash,** "the cheerleaders felt that if we had worked harder, the team might have won. It's a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of work."

Tonya Trapp tries to keep smiling as **Dale Brooks** goes surfing on her back at the "Beach Party" pep rally.

EC's cheerleaders bring the student body to life at a pep rally with one of their original dance routines. They make it look easy, but any one of them will admit that it's not.

Take It To The Hoop

. . . One More Time

1987-88 might not be remembered by the Warrior basketball team as the greatest year as far as the win-loss columns are concerned, but the team, coach, and fans will remember it as a great year. It was a year when fan attendance increased; it was a year when team spirit reached an all-time high; and it was a year when hard work and determination took on new meaning for team members. All in all, it was a very good year.

Thomas Clark goes in for an easy two.

Patrick Stribling beats a Bulldog for the rebound.

Patrick Luttrell puts up a quick jump shot.

The team receives some instructions from Coach Gressett during a time out.

Members of the 1987-88 Warrior team are (Front Row) Daryl Brown, Bryne Drummond, Calvin Russell, Thomas Clark, Rodney Murrell; (Second Row) David Lott, Darrin Gray, Lenzie Hillie, Stanley McDill, Thomas Edwards; (Back Row) Patrick Luttrell, Joe Edwards, Randy Fullington, Ken Edwards, Patrick Stribling, John Harrison.

The Three-Point Shot Workers Winners Warriorettes

Coach Sammy Pace faced the 87-88 season with only two returning sophomores. The rest of his team is made up of freshmen, a cause of concern for any coach.

However, Pace's freshman girls answered the challenge and quickly made the transition from playing high school to college basketball.

"This is a unique group," Pace commented. "They are quite different people individually, but they work well together as a team. I have enjoyed working with them."

For the first time, Mississippi junior colleges are this year playing under the rule which allows for the three-point shot, a factor which creates the possibility of exciting come-from-behind finishes.

With a year's experience behind them, this year's freshman players will form the nucleus of a promising team for next year while this year's sophomores, who will be greatly missed, will go on to greater challenges.

Donna Killen goes up to reject a second effort by her opponent.

Penny Graham pulls down a hot rebound.

Coach Pace's crew watches patiently for their time to get into action.

Melissa Jimmerson puts up a quick bank shot for two.

Pam Lay (#23) struggles to beat the Utica press, something Pam ordinarily does well.

Melissa Jimmerson and Rebecca battle for the rebound.

Members of the 1987-88 Lady Warriors are: (Front row) Dana Bates, Deborah Blaylock, Tracy Stuart, Tina Nunn, Pam Gree; (Second Row) Michelle Gray, Pam Lay, Kristie Lindley, Melanie Huffman, Victoria Banks; (Back Row) Sonya Crowther, Rebecca Higgins, Donna Killen, Melissa Jimmerson, Penny Graham, and Wendy Smith.

Show Me Your Spirit
Cheerleaders Add Spark To Warrior Fire

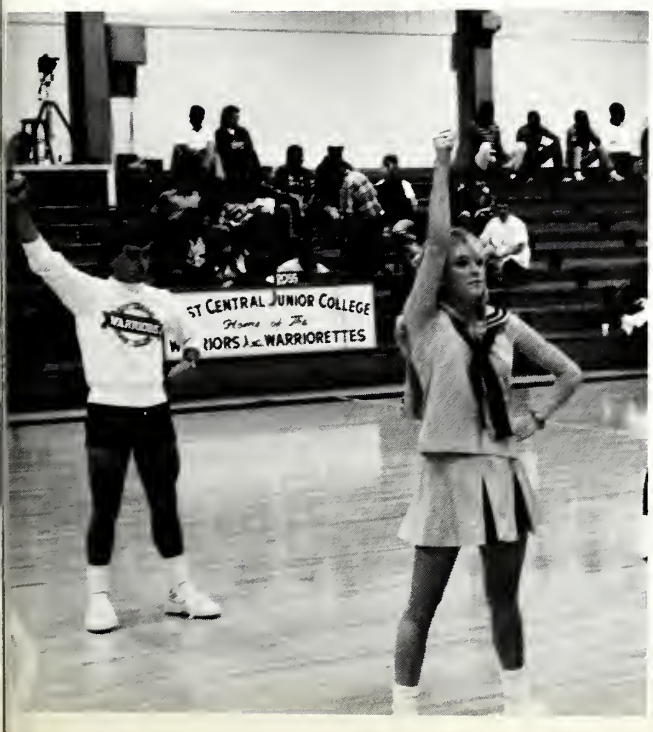
A real crowd pleaser, the Basketball Cheerleaders, who appear at all home games, perform a lively dance routine to a current musical hit.

Members of the 87-88 Basketball Cheerleading Squad are: Chris Cheatham, Nancy Bagwell, Jeannie Walsh, Vicki Arthur, Tonya Anthony, Mona Moore, Eddie deVroede; (Back Row) Scott Jackson, Constance Body, Marie Ishman, Kerri Posey, Julie Adams, Ardy Reed.

"I'll get it right some day!" **Kerri Posey** and **Vicki Arthur** say during a lengthy practice.

Nothing excites the crowd and gets the teams into the game better than the Warrior Basketball Cheerleaders. Selected by tryouts earlier in the year, these enthusiastic students devote hours of practice to perfecting their routines and cheers. In November, when the first game approaches, excitement builds as the squad readies itself for "opening night." And the work pays off in good crowd participation and team spirit.

Vicki Arthur takes a precarious position atop the shoulders of **Julie Adams** and **Kerri Posey** as **Marie Ishman** (foreground) holds a kneeling pose.



Some of the cheerleaders become so involved in the game that they momentarily give up cheering.

Chris Cheatam appears a little uncertain in his first appearance as a basketball cheerleader, but **Tonya Anthony** seems right at home.

ECJC Baseball

Lined up and ready for an inside practice are these outfielders: Don Shimfessel, Keith Blalock, Patrick Kelly, Will Sumrall, Alfred Triplett, Scott Skinner, Jamie Rainer, and Ron Williams.

Sharing pitching duties are Sterritt Henry, Carey Taylor, Ben Kitchens, Lee Earl Patrick, James Triplett, Anthony Triplett, Sean Curry, Tommy Wallace, and John Mark Williams.

Patrick Kelly, Tom Wallace, Greg Warren, Kevin Cochran, Doug Jones, John Miller, Sean Curry, Terry Moore, Lee Patrick, and Bob Davis.

Row Two: Scott Skinner, Will Sumrall, Hugh Vanlandingham, Ben Kitchens, Pat Ervin, Keith McGee, Scott Hill, Miles Porter, Jeff Boykin.

Row Three: Jamie Rainer, Al Triplett, Cory Taylor, Sterritt Henry, John Luke, Don Shimfessell, Jeff Coleman.

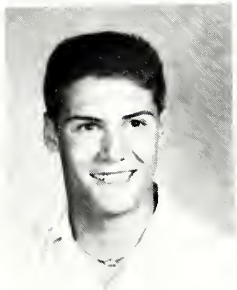
Row Four: Anthony Triplett, James Triplett, Leon Glenn, Ron Williams, John Williams and Todd Allen.

A Diamond In The Rough

Under the leadership of Coach **Jamie Clark,** baseball at ECJC is beginning an era of new emphasis. With a greatly-improved field and encouragement from the ECJC Baseball Foundation, the players started in the fall to build a foundation which should result in a program second to none in Miss. Junior College competition.

Selected as captains for the team are **Patrick Kelly** of Morton and **Doug Jones** of Philadelphia.

Catchers for the year are **Miles Porter** and **Patrick Ervin.**



The 1987-88 baseball team dedicates this season to the memory of **Chris Gay.**

Playing in the infield this year will be **John Luke, John Miller, Greg Warren, Kevin Cochran, Keith McGee** and (Row 2) **Leon Glenn, Scott Hill, Doug Jones, Hugh Vanlandingham,** and **Terry Moore.**

Debra Wilson takes secret instructions from **B.J. Johnson** as "B.J.'s Babes" go into action in intramural play.

Winners of the girls' intramural title for 1987 were B. J.'s Babes, a team which included: (front row) Lori Clark, Vicki Arthur, Penny Crawford, Debra Wilson, Janet Mowdy; (back row) Julie Adams, Marsha Stovall, Marsha Maxey, Tina Walker, and Cindy Fulton with Coach B. J. Johnson.

Members of Top Gun, runners up in men's flag football action, are: Randy Kelly, John Thomas, Josef Mainka, Tim May, Matt Brown and B. J. Johnson (back row) and (front row) John Posey, Cully Hudspeth, Mike Stubbs, John Miller, Mike Partridge, and Bill Richardson.

The Objective Is **Fun**

Members of "The Untouchables" celebrate their championship win in the men's intramural flag football league with a tall glass of iced tea. Joining the celebration are team members Tim Davis, Raymond Leake, Anthony Triplett, Willie Thames, and Coach Veronza Petty.

Debra Wilson spent a great deal of time on the ground, giving new meaning to the name "Touch Football." **Shelly Wolverton** reaches to remove Debra's flag as Mona Moore looks on.

Sonya Horton takes a handoff from **Missy Whitmire** and attempts to go around right end in an exciting women's flag football game.

Who said you have to be a good athlete to play football? Certainly not the East Central students who participated in intramural flag football! Competition might have gotten a little stiff and occasionally tempers flared, but having fun was the major objective of students who signed up for and participated in the intramural football league.

When the finals came in men's competition, a hard fought game saw the Untouchables defeat the Top Guns by a score of 20-14. Anthony Triplett scored the final two touchdowns of the year to end another successful intramural season. Just wait 'til next year!

Intramurals

From 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on most school days, the activity center is filled with intramual activity — students getting prepared for games, practicing for pool tournaments, or polishing skills for pingpong competition. Center Director **Mike Anderson** coordinates in intramural program which includes competition in flag football, basketball, volleyball, pingpong, pool, and softball. This year, thirteen men's teams and five women's teams entered the basketball competition. This number is some indication of the popularity of intramural sports at ECJC.

Members of "Air Nike" huddle before the beginning of an important game. Air Nike was one of the top two teams in intramural basketball play this season.

Coach **Torre Farrel** lectures his team just prior to their fifth meeting with Air Nike. Farrel's team, the Chocolate City, is composed of Rodney Murrell, Joe McGowan, and Angelo Smith; (Standing) Andre Mosley, Michael Oliver, and Lindsey Hillie. Team member Frankie Hodge is not pictured.

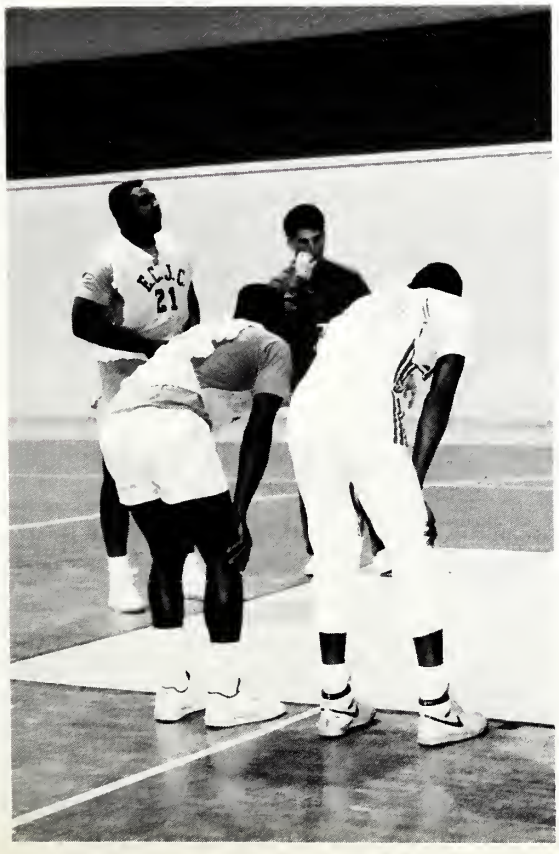
One of the best women's teams of the year is "Fly Slamma Jamma," composed of (Seated) Beverly Kelly, Tammie Bender, Donna Eichelberger, Delores Mullins; (Standing) Diane Johnson, Linda Kincaid, Rochelle Haynes, Tara Cistrunk, and Linda Floyd. Coaches for the division champs were Mellissa Jimmerson and Tina Nunn.

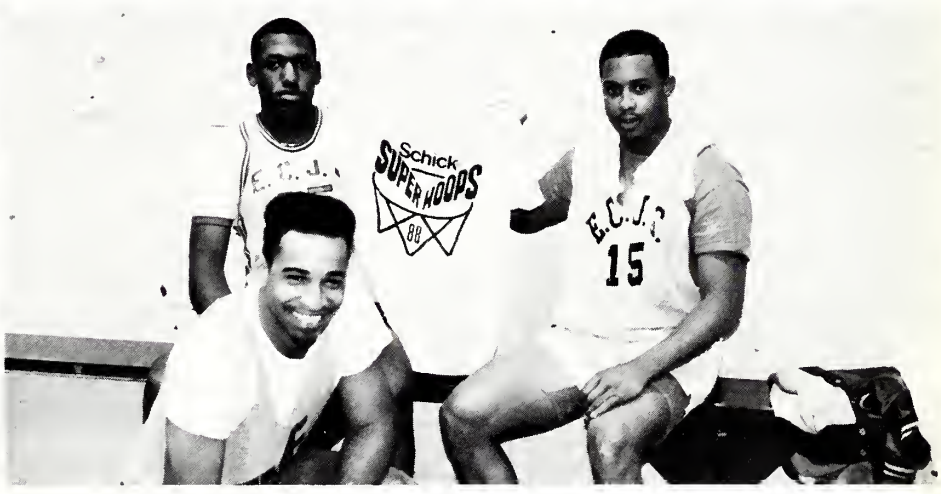
Joe McGowan, a player with Chocolate City, shows the form which helped put his team in the intramural finals.

Where The Fun Begins

Willie Thames and **Cedric Jordan** take off warmups before an intramural basketball game. Other members of *Air Nike* **Raymond Leake** and **Mecedric Calloway** wait in the background.

Members of *Air Nike* are (Front) Willie Thames, Cedric Jordan, Willie Robertson, and Greg Fulton; (Second Row) Raymond Leake, Mecedric Calloway and Richard Basil. Coach Terry Moore (kneeling) gives last minute instructions. Team member Bryne Dummond is not pictured.



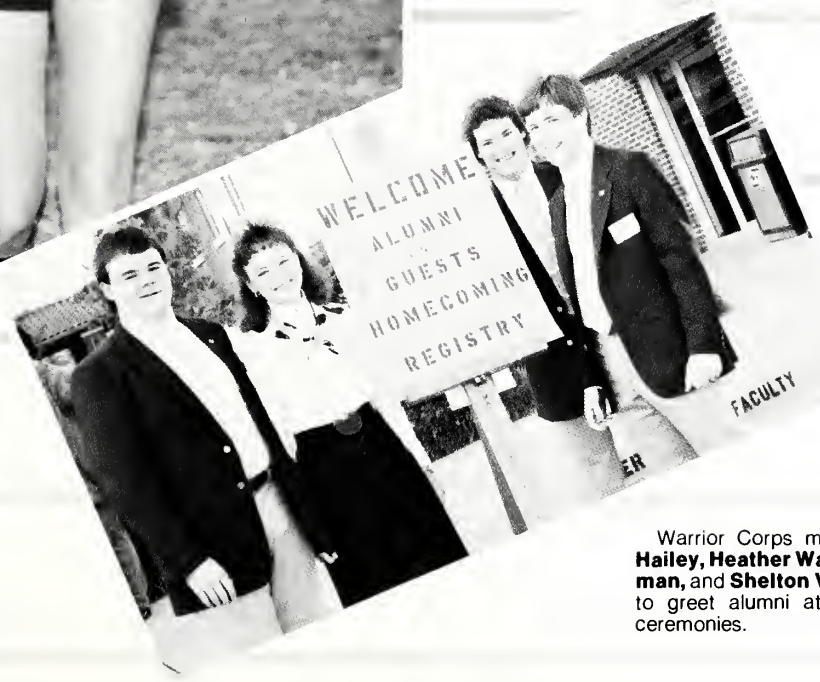


Mecedric Calloway, Joe McGowan and **Richard Basil,** along with **Bryne Drummond** (not pictured) represented EC at the Southland Regional Schick Super Hoop competition. Competing against 48 teams from five states, EC's team finished seventh, the only junior college team to finish in the top ten.

Cedric Jordan gets set to put the game on ice in an intramural game.

"Carrying On The Family Name"

Drum Major **Renee Thaggard** smiles proudly as she presents the band during "Love in Any Language."



Warrior Corps members **Shea Hailey, Heather Watts, Bill Freeman,** and **Shelton Vance** prepare to greet alumni at homecoming ceremonies.

President's Council

The President's Council brings together the presidents of all campus organizations with the president of the college to discuss matters of concern to students and the college. Members for 1987-88 include: Dr. Eddie Smith, Melissa Thrash(Secretary), Shea Hailey (President), Chuck Hinson (Vice-President), Dean of Students Gene Davis, Scottie Chunn, Shelly Wolverton, Amy Pouncey, Marsha Stovall, B. J. Johnson, Ardy Reed, Suzanna Kennedy, Sheila Goodwin, Debbie Love, Renee Thaggard, Patsy Mims, Amy Parker, Mitch Peden, Marshall Watkins, Matt Alford, Eddie deVroede, Billy Shields, and Terry Matula.

Student Body Association

The Student Body Association serves as a liaison between the students and the faculty and administration. A major function of the SBA is to hold all elections on the campus, from Homecoming Court to Who's Who to new SBA officers for the coming year. The SBA is also involved in special activities such as the talent show, pep rallies, dances, and the Spring Fling. Officers for 1987-88 are Shea Hailey, President; Chuck Hinson, Vice-President; Amy Pouncey, Secretary; and Vicki Arthur, Treasurer.

Warrior Corps

The Warrior Corps is the official host group at East Central. Members go out to area high schools and recruit for the college. They are chosen from a group of students who are nominated at the beginning of the fall semester by the faculty.

Each Warrior Corps member must undergo a strict interview by a special faculty committee. Of the more than fifty students nominated each fall, only twenty-four are chosen to make up the Corps.

In addition to recruiting, other Warrior Corps duties include entertaining alumni and other visitors to the campus, hosting the dinner theatre, and serving as good will ambassadors for the school at all times.

Amy Pouncey of Decatur, a member of Warrior Corps for two years, enjoys the opportunity to visit high schools to spread the word about EC.

Mike Cooper, a freshman, considered it an honor to be selected as a member of the Warrior corps, as his smile indicates.

Warrior Corps member **Janet Mowdy** shows the versatility of Corps members as a member of the Centralettes.

Members of the 1987-88 Warrior Corps are. (First Row) Daryl Brown, Janet Mowdy, Melissa Thrash, Amy Pouncey, Debra Mangrum, Maggie Jennings, Susan Clay, Mike Cooper; (Second Row) Dan Parkes, Sheila Clearman, Pam Greene, Tonya Trapp, Yolanda Carter, Genia Buntyn, Sonya Crowther, Mark Amis, (Third Row)Cully Hudspeth, Scott Jackson, Matt Alford, Bill Freeman, Shea Hailey, and Shelton Vance.

The EC Sound Machine

Gem Harrison, a sophomore from Carthage, loves his horn. Here, Gem is seen in a solo spot in the Homecoming performance, one of the best of the year.

Call Of The Wild

"Deer me!! Dear me! Deer me! What will these band people think of next? The drum line decided to have their beach party in Alaska and found a friend to go along.

"There were days when I thought of giving it up," says **Sheila Goodwin,** a sophomore band member from Carthage. "It's difficult to keep in mind that when you step on the field the night of a performance, you'll be glad you practiced long hours."

It's August, it's hot; and **Mr. Carson** insists on keeping the practice going. He knows that it will pay off in excellent performances and a lot of pride later on.

When the ECJC marching band takes the field for a performance, the eighty members of the group know they are prepared to do their best. Arriving on campus in August a week before school opens, band and auxiliary corps members learn quickly the meaning of hard work. Director Tom Carson spends the spring and summer recruiting students for the band and planning shows which will live up to the name the band has made for itself.

Mr. Carson takes band members from approximately 15 different high school bands and molds them into a tightly-knit unit which entertains at halftime of football games, marches at Christmas parades, and even goes out as recruiters for the college. During the fall semester of 1987, the band performed at seven football games, marched in parades in Philadelphia, Newton, Forest and Decatur and did a guest performance at Newton High School's final football game.

During the spring semester, the marching band takes a rest while the concert and jazz bands rehearse and perform.

Assisting the band director in setting rules for band members is the Band Council which is composed of the leaders of each division of the band.

The marching band makes another contribution to campus life by taking the lead at pep rallies. Whether it is playing the fight song or leading cheers, the band helps school spirit come alive.

According to **Mr. Carson,** this year's band members will stack up against any group he has ever worked with. "There are always problems," the director stated. However, this year the problems have been minor. In my eight years at East Central, both as a student and as a faculty member, I have never worked with a more enthusiastic, dedicated group."

Members of the rifle corps and flag corps not only add color to the band shows but also add spirit to the pep rallies.

The Centralettes ham it up as they get ready to perform at a pep rally. Centralettes always seem to be having a good time, but hours of practice precede any performance.

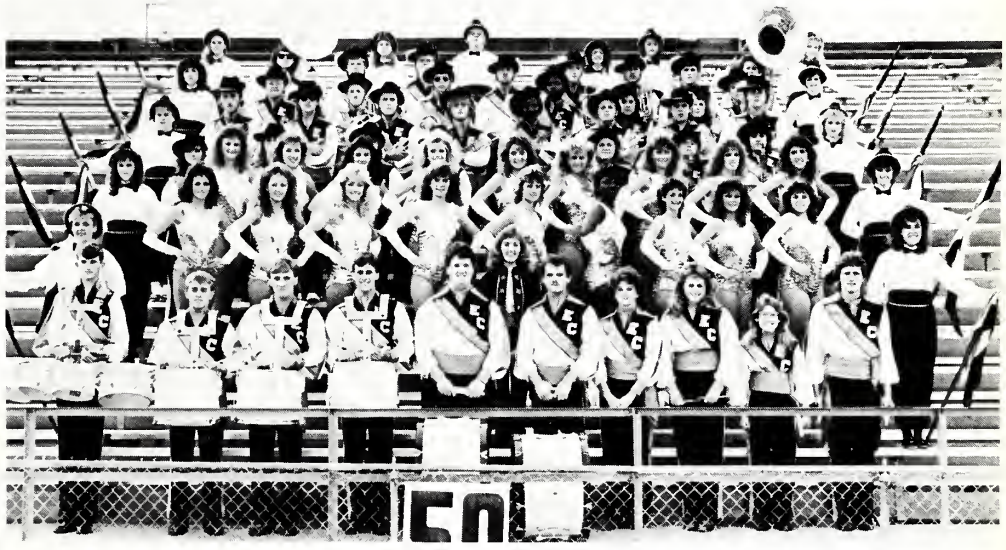
Stacie Phillips, after three months of intense practice, feels that her rifle is almost a part of her.

Representing Student Interests

Centralettes **Janet Mowdy, Lori Clark, Emily Tingle, Misty Watkins,** and **Julie Adams** perform their dance routine to "Surf City" at the beach party pep rally.

Band members celebrate another Warrior touchdown in the stands as they anticipate taking the field at halftime to present another superb show.

When they're not playing, members of the band become the team's loudest supporters as evidenced in this scene from the playoff game with Northwest.



Members of the 1987 marching band pose for their official photo.

Drum Majorette **Renee Thaggard,** a sophomore from Philadelphia, has led the Warrior band for two years.

Ken Dunn, cymbals in hand, and Phillip "Tiny Bear" Roland contemplate the tailgate which Roland had brought to the tailgate party pep rally.

The Music Makers

Concert Band

Jazz Band

Keyboardists **Kinsey Goldman** and **Doreen Ryals** go over a new piece of music under consideration for performance by the jazz band. Goldman and Ryals are both sophomore music majors.

EC's Chorus Line

Part of the ECJC Tradition for Excellence has to do with its rich heritage in choral music. From the beginning of the college until the present, the choral music program has been an important part of campus life.

In recent years, the choral tradition has included two choirs: the Concert Choir and the Gospel Choir. The Concert Choir is under the direction of **Charles Hinson,** while the Gospel Choir is under the direction of **Mary Lyles.** Each of the choirs holds a concert each year and participates in special events on the campus.

Members of the 1987-88 Concert Choir are: Charles Hinson, Iris Wesley, Janet Estes, Jo Estes, Kathy Carr, Deon Horne, Meschelle Jacobs, Neshawn Hudson, Marion Nichols, Leesa Lee (Accompanist), Lisa Harrison, Doreen Ryals, Nancy Bagwell, Susan Clay, Jennifer Goolsby, Amy Pouncey, Janet Mowdy, Debbie Love, Gem Harrison, Andy Thaggard, John Wesley Harden, Chuck Hinson, Todd Allen, Kinsey Goldman, Scott Jackson and Tim Johnson.

The Gospel Choir is composed of: Delores Mullins, Diane Johnson, Linda Floyd, Pam Lay, Willie Young, Reginald Jones, Billy Shields, Debbie Love, Neshawn Hudson, Melissa Coleman, Cathy Shields, Marion Nichols, Bobby Faye Love, Denise Young, Melissa Thompson, Bobbye Moore, Dexter Ball, Harves Johnson, Bobby Davis, Kim Beemon, Vicki Thames, Shirley Gladney, Marquet Hudson.

Methodist Student Union

Wesley Foundation, the Methodist Student Union, reorganized this year after several years, is better known to students as "MSU." Wesley promotes the Christian spirit and provides opportunities for Bible study and discussion. **Reverend Barry Dickerson,** pastor of the Decatur United Methodist Church, leads Wesley Foundation.

Mary Nell Vandevender, a member of Wesley Foundation, worked during the summer as a camp counselor at a Methodist Youth Camp.

Patsy Mims, Wesley Foundation President, although busy with many other activities, including marching band, enjoys being a part of the Methodist group on campus.

Present at the organizational meeting of the Wesley Foundation in September were (Front) Patsy Mims, Suzanna Kennedy, Shelly Moore, Cynthia Mims, Margo Freeny, and Amy Pouncey; (Second Row), Reverend Dickerson, Melissa Thrash, Marshall Watkins, Mike Cooper, and Meschelle Jacobs.

Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union seeks to reach students through Christian fellowship and outreach. This includes such activities as worship, Bible study, BSU Singers, missions, and personal witness.

During the year, BSU Director Don Gann leads the BSU in fundraising activities to send students on summer mission trips. A favorite activity is the weekly Noon Day Service and luncheon which is enjoyed by students and faculty members alike.

Marsha Stovall, a campus leader in many activities, serves the BSU as President

Serving as leaders of the Baptist Student Union are: (Front Row) Sheila Goodwin, Music Chairman; Marsha Stovall, President; Cynthia Gannan, Publicity Chairman, (Back Row) Don Gann, Director; Brenda Trosper, Social Chairman; Amy Parker, Mission Chairman; Jeff Wall, Commuter Chairman; Tina Stokes, Outreach Chairman; Melanie Huffman, Worship Chairman.

Wo-He-Lo

Tammie Todd and **Marshall Watkins,** co-editors of the WO-HE-LO, confer by phone with a representative at Josten's. For two years, **Tammie** and **Marshall** have seen that deadlines were met to assure that the yearbook would be back on time.

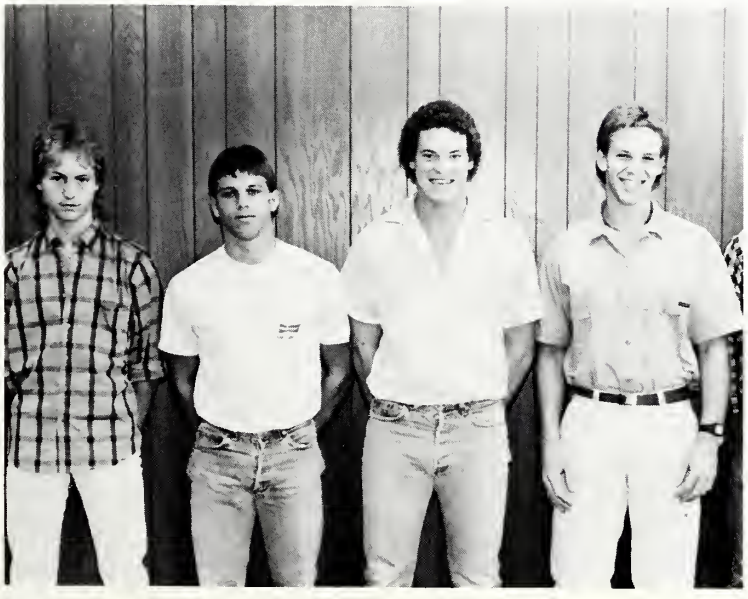
Associate Editor **Suzanna Kennedy** works chiefly with organizations and advertisements. **Suzanna** is an engineering major and manages to get her yearbook work done between study times.

Members of the yearbook staff for 1987-88 included: (Seated Tammie Todd, Marshall Watkins, Rebecca Munn, and Leanne Brantley; (Standing) Tammy Shepherd, Joey Brady, Teto Harrell, Tanya Henry, and Jamie Davidson.

The Tom-Tom

Members of the TOM-TOM staff put out the student newspaper while learning the basics of print journalism. Special Assignment writers include Joe Chesney, Kim Grady, Matt Alford, Shelley Moore, Marshall Watkins, and Janet Mowdy.

Reporters on the staff include Regina McKinney, Allen Lovett, Tammy Shirley, Julie Frazier, Gene Cliburn, Patsy Mims, Shelton Vance, and Melissa Thrash.



Responsible for seeing that the TOM-TOM is distributed after printing are members of the circulation staff: Jerry Goss, Greg Warren, Bill Freeman, Mike Cooper, and Bill Richardson.

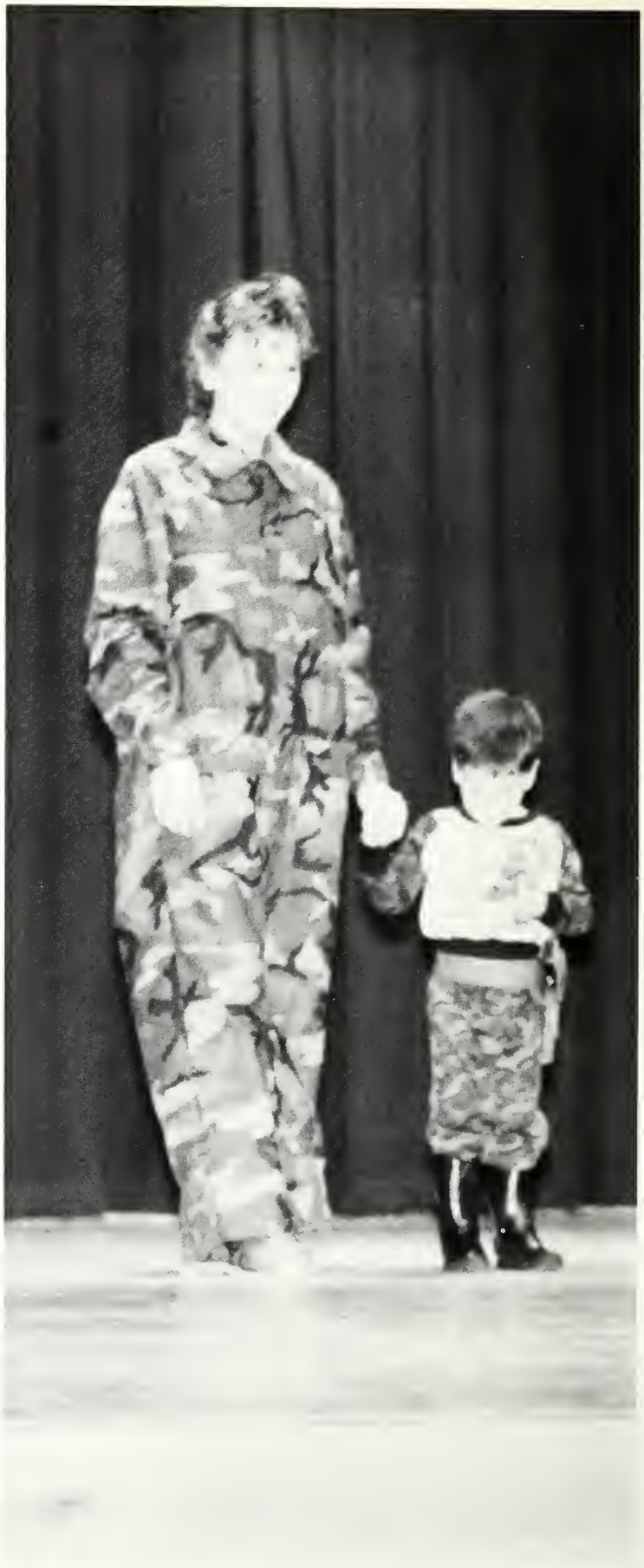
Photographers for the school paper are Robin Webb, Andy Thaggard, Nancy Bagwell, Scott Roussell, and Nikki Minard.

A Fashion Statement

Amy Pouncey of Decatur and friend **Matthew Boggan** show off camouflage hunting outfits in the "Made in Mississippi" fashion show. **Amy** is a second-year member of the squad

Marie Ishman, a freshman from Demopolis, Ala., models a dress from the Brass Knob in Newton, a store which for several years has provided outfits for the ECJC Fashion Squad to model.

Emily Tingle, Amy Pouncey, Jennifer Humphries, and **Lori Clark** enjoy every girl's dream — having a wide choice of clothes to choose from.



Shelly Wolverton of Philadelphia, a two-year member of the Fashion Squad, models a winter school outfit, complete with gloves.

Who is interested in the latest fashion trends coming out of Paris and New York? Who practices for hours and hours just to walk and turn and move with poise? Who goes out to represent ECJC in every town and high school in the five-counties? You guessed it! The Fashion Squad!

Each fall, students who are interested are encouraged to sign up for a one-hour course in Modeling. At the end of the semester, they may try out for the Modeling Squad, and those who make it into the Squad are in for some exciting times. Members of the group choose their fashions, usually provided by a retail store in the area, write their own scripts, and present fashion shows to many different kinds of groups - from retired people to high school students.

Members of the Modeling Squad pose for their formal picture, shortly after freshman members were selected. Members are: Renee Thaggard, Vicki Thames, Becky Harris, Mona Moore, Regell Gray, Angie Morrow, Constance Body, Cathy Spencer, Marion Nichols, Kerri Posey, Tonya Trapp, Julie Adams, Nina Mosley, Shelly Wolverton, Debra Mangrum, Emily Tingle, Lori Clark, Tracy Stewart, Jennifer Humphries, and Amy Pouncey.

Members of the VICA Club work on a house in carpentry class.

The VICA Club, under the sponsorship of Lester Miles, had a busy year in 87-88. Members raised money for Huff Auditorium through a raffle, sponsored the blood drive, raised money for the Burn Center by sponsoring a football bowl game, and held a candy sale.

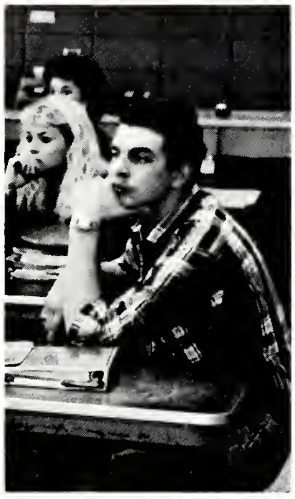
One of the most active clubs on campus, VICA is led by: Mike Reed, President; Kandi Scarbrough, Vice-President; Jennifer Beeland, Secretary; Jennifer Graham, Treasurer; Shannon Hison, Reporter, and Rebecca Curry, Chaplain.

Cynthia Mims and **Toney Martinez** take pride in their work whether it's helping others or building a house. Pride is a guideword of VICA members.

Mike Reed, VICA President, presents a check to **Dr. Smith** to be used in the renovation of Huff Auditorium.

Phi Beta Lamda

Mitchell Peden, President of Phi Beta Lambda, looks over food items brought in by members with other officers of the club.



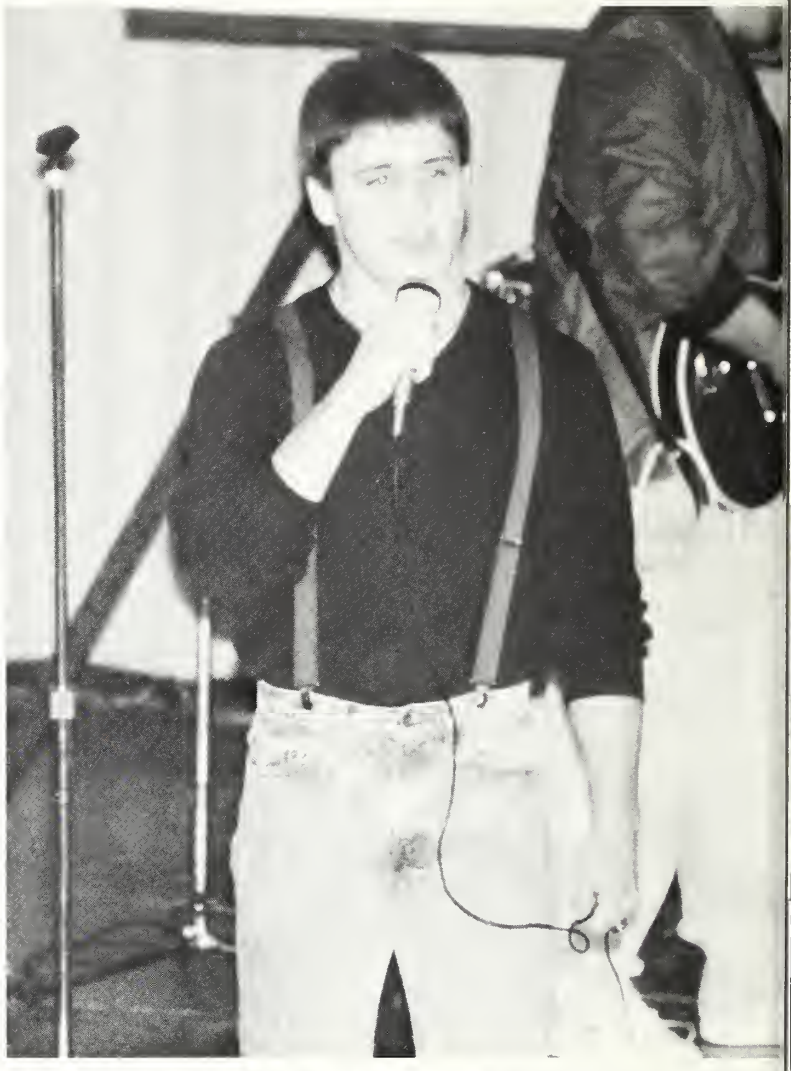
(Left) **Brenda Johnson,** one of the sponsors, attends a meeting along with **Will Sumerall, Steve Dean,** and **Bryan McDonald,** all students majoring in business.

(Right) **Joe Harkins** is one of the 44 members of Phi Beta Lambda, seen listening to plans for selling athletic programs as a fundraising project.

Phi Beta Lambda's purpose is to provide students with the opportunity to learn more about business and to serve their community through various activities. The club conducts a number of activities to raise money to support its activities, which this year included providing food for needy families.

From Country To Rock . . .

Ardy Reed thrills the crowd with his rendition of "Old Time Rock'n Roll."



Bottom: The crowd cheered as the Collegians opened their annual fall concert.

Chuck Hinson shows everyone how to "Rock Steady."

From Soul To Pop

Donnie Montgomery, one of the managers, helps **Mr. Carson** get the wires in the right place before practice.

Kimberly Martin and **Deloris Mullin** step aside during one of **Scottie Chunn's** guitar solos.

The Collegians get down as they demonstrate what will happen when "All My Rowdy Friends" come over tonight.

Ask any student on campus to name the top three events of the fall semester, and he is sure to include the Collegians concert in the list. Playing to a full house and dressed in their "acid-washed" jeans, the 87-88 Collegians once again excited the crowd as they included music for every taste.

This year the Collegians are composed of fourteen members, nine sophomores, four freshmen, and sponsor/guitarist Tom Carson.

Members of the group include: vocalists Brian Waddell, Ardy Reed, Chuck Hinson, Kimberly Martin, Deloris Mullin, and Jeannie Walsh; instrumentalists Scottie Chunn (guitar), Dwayne Moore, (drums), Kinsey Goldman (keyboard), Scott Jackson (trumpet), Patsy Mims (saxophone), and Jeff Neal (trombone).

During the second semester, the Collegians once again took their show on the road, traveling to high schools in the district to recruit for the college.

Burning The Midnight Oil

"I can't go tonight. I have a big paper due tomorrow." How many of us haven't either said or heard that before? It's a sign of one of the hazards of being a college student — meeting deadlines.

It seems everything has a deadline. There is first of all a deadline to register for classes; there is a deadline to change classes, to add classes, to drop classes.

Books, research papers, reports, all these have due dates. Petitions for elections, for nominations for Hall of Fame and Who's Who require that a deadline be met.

Even coming into the dorm at night has a time limit, and the cafeteria closes at a certain time, no matter how hungry you are. These too are forms of deadlines.

And after a student has spent two years at East Central, there is a deadline to submit an application to graduate.

Later, there will be new deadlines to meet — applications for jobs or admission to a university. And for many students there will be the deadline for applying for a marriage license, perhaps the most important deadline of all.

Mrs. Tingle explains to a student that tutors are available but that in order to receive help students must come to her office and complete the necessary forms.

Kenneth Spiva and **Shelton Vance,** Who served as chairman of the election committee, man the polls during homecoming elections. David Smith places his ballot in the box.

Tryouts for the Scholar's Bowl team brought out EC's top scholastic students, each wanting a chance to defend the school's title as Scholar's Bowl Champs.

Mike Cooper of Decatur and **Sheila Goodwin** of Carthage talk over a big test coming up — just another deadline to meet.

Bryan Young of Noxapater checks with instructor **Ricky Harrison** to make sure he has met all his deadlines for registration.

"Sugar" Is Sweet

Warrior Corps members work hard each year representing the college at high schools and at various activities on the campus. This year, they were rewarded with a skiing trip to Boone, North Carolina. Accompanied by their sponsor, **Greg Jefcoat,** the group spent two days skiing Sugar Mountain where they learned that sometimes watching can be as much fun as skiing. When the dust of snow had cleared, Bill Freeman and Mark Amis were voted as the best skiiers.

Sonya Crowther and **Daryl Brown,** both Freshmen from Newton, take off toward the top of Sugar Mountain to start another "adventure" down the mountain.

Bill Freeman does a few stretches before heading back up the mountain. "I'm ready to go back!" declared Freeman and other Warrior Corps members.

Future Olympians **Lovett, Alford, Freeman, Amis,** and **Cooper** get instructions from the ski instructor before making their first run.

Corps members who enjoyed the snow are: (Front) Mike Cooper, Mark Amis, Daryl Brown, Bill Freeman, Alan Lovett, and Matt Alford; (Back) Debra Mangrum, Heather Watts, Tonya Trapp, Pam Green, Yolanda Carter, Sonya Crowther, and Nancy Buntyn.

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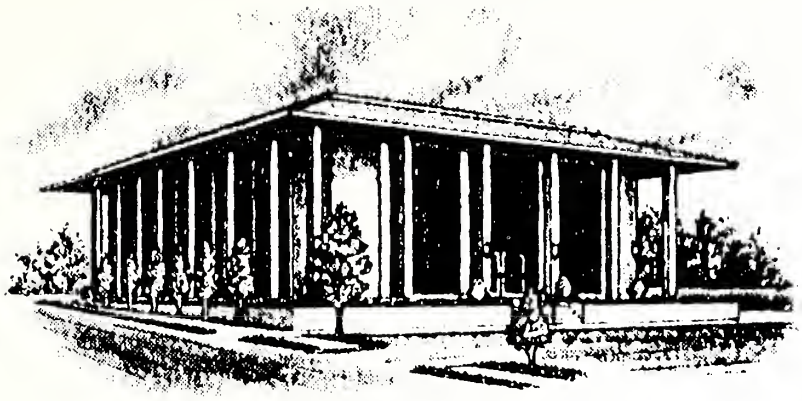

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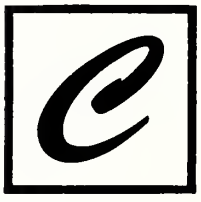

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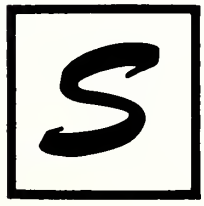

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In the highly competitive world of the last half of the twentieth century, individual achievement has become more and more difficult to attain. In the field of education, the highest goal a person can attain is the doctor's degree. On the staff at East Central Junior College, four persons have achieved this high ambition. We salute these men as educators who have truly made a name for themselves.

Dr. Shelby Harris has enjoyed a very successful career in his years of teaching. He graduated from Union High School and attended East Central Junior College where he received the Associate of Arts Degree. He later received the Bachelor of Science Degree in English and Mathematics from the University of Southern Miss.

Dr. Harris went on to receive the Master of Education with emphasis in math from Mississippi State University. He did further graduate work at Mississippi College, Tulane University, Florida State University, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Nairobi in Kenya. He received the Doctorate at the Unviersity of Southern Mississippi.

For twenty-two years, **Dr. Harris** was employed by the Peoples Bank of Mississippi on a parttime basis while he taught school. His first teaching duties were in Newton County and later in Kemper county. He has been at East Central for twenty-five years, two of which he spent as band director.

Dr. Harris, while he loves teaching, has a number of hobbies outside teaching. He enjoys yardwork, swimming, interior design, flower arrangement, and music. One of his favorite hobbies is traveling. He has been to Europe and to Kenya, Africa and has been to Hawaii twice. In the summer of 1988, he will go to the South Pacific.

Dr. Harris says that meeting people and getting to know them is his most memorable experience during his years at East Central. He is always receiving notes or calls from former students who keep him informed of their whereabouts.

Dr. Harris has been president of the ECJC Faculty Club twice, President of the Miss. Junior College Faculty Association, President of the Miss. Teachers of College Mathematics, President of Miss-La. Council of Mathematics and currently serves as faculty sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

He has served as President of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, president of the Decatur Lions Club, Deputy District Governor of the Lions Club. He serves as chairperson of the Mathematics and Science Division at East Central.

Dr. Harris says that his first love is East Central Junior College and has been since he was a student here. **Dr. Harris** offers the following advice for students he teaches, "Study hard now and make your life's work a little easier; or let the studies go now and make life's work harder later on."

Any college, however large or small, is ultimately judged by the quality of its faculty. East Central Junior College is exceptionally fortunate in this respect since it has a superb faculty. **Dr. Richard C. Ethridge,** who has taught at East Central for twenty-six years, is a vital part of this faculty.

Like most of the teachers on this campus, **Dr. Ethridge** has a sincere devotion to the college and unbounded faith in its future. Sharing an opinion of many other faculty members, he considers his colleagues to be like family. Therefore, there is a strong bond between members of the faculty, a fact which provides a tremendous advantage for the student.

Dr. Ethridge began studying at Clarke College, where he attended one year. Then he transferred to Mississippi College and completed his Bachelor's Degree in two years rather than the three it should have taken.

With a strong determination to obtain as much education as possible, **Dr. Ethridge** completed his Master's Degree in only a year and a half at Mississippi State University. However, his educational goals still were not fulfilled. After several years of hard work and effort, he completed the Ph.D. Degree in History and Political Science at Mississippi State University.

Since his interests turned toward the political science area, one might wonder why **Dr. Ethridge** did not choose law or government service as a profession. When asked this question, he replied, "I love teaching." That one statement says a great deal about this man and his desire to help students.

Not only is **Dr. Ethridge** an avid teacher but also a well-rounded individual who has numerous hobbies. He believes that having a wide range of interests helps an individual to function successfully in society. **Dr. Ethridge** enjoys hunting any type of game, fishing, and painting, but his favorite pastime is woodworking. Looking at his office, it is obvious that he is good at this hobby because hanging on the wall is a unique clock that he designed and made himself.

East Central Junior College is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated teacher. Without teachers such as **Dr. Richard Ethridge,** the school would not have enjoyed the success it has seen, and surely that slogan "With You In Mind" would not be as meaningful as it is.

Dr. Shelby Harris

Dr. Richard Ethridge

They Made A Name . . .

Dr. Richard Fisher

Dr. Brad Tucker

Dr. Richard Fisher, East Central's chemistry teacher for a number of years, was born in England where his father was working as a chemist. Although he lived most of his early life in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **Dr. Fisher** attended Cornell University in New York and received his A. B. Degree there. He later received the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In reply to a question concerning what made him strive for the Ph.D. Degree, **Dr. Fisher** quoted his father who told him, "If you want to go into chemistry, you have to have the Ph.D." So he completed the degree.

Once out of college, East Central chemistry instructor, worked as instructor of Bio-Chemistry at the University of North Carolina. Then he became a senior researcher at Oxford University in England. Later he became a British researcher at the University College of London.

Dr. Fisher later became head of the Department of Human Nutrition at Melbourne University in Melbourne, Australia. While working in a staff position at the University of Southern Mississippi, he heard of a job opening at East Central and decided that it might be more refreshing to teach undergraduates.

When asked what he liked most about East Central, **Dr. Fisher** replied, "The attitudes of the people are more personal. Most large universities tend to be impersonal, and the individual student tends to become lost in the shuffle."

It has been ten years since **Dr. Fisher** took this position at East Central. He indicates that although he has lived most of his life in large cities, he is happy here and plans to be here at least for a while.

Recently, **Dr. Fisher** was nominated for a most presitious award.

Dr. Brad Tucker was born in Leake County. He is the third child of the late **Marvin** and **Bonnie Tucker.** He was reared near Edinburg and is a graduate of Edinburg High School. He is married to the former Mary Vaughan of Yazoo County, and they have one daughter, **Beth,** who lives in Meridian.

Dr. Tucker has always been interested in scholastic achievement, having been the valedictorian of his high school graduating class. He graduated from East Central with honors in 1948 and was inducted into Alpha Tau Alpha, Alpha Zeta and Phi Kappa Phi at Mississippi State University where he received his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees.

Dr. Tucker received a Kellogg Foundation Scholarship to study Junior College Administration at the University of Texas and has also attended graduate classes at the Unviersity of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Tucker began his employment at East Central in 1951 as Vocational Agriculture Teacher and manager of the college farm. He assumed the position of Dean in 1961. He has also taught sociology at East Central and graduate courses in Educational Foundations and Junior College Administration for Mississippi State.

Prior to coming to East Central, **Dr. Tucker** served two years in the US Navy during world War II and taught for two years at Denton High School in Yazoo county.

Dr. Tucker has served as president of the local Faculty Club, president of the Dean's Association, President of the Decatur Exchange Club, Master of the local Masonic Lodge, and Chairman of the Deacons at the local Baptist Church.

Professional affiliations held by **Dr. Tucker** included the local faculty organization, the Junior College Faculty Association, the Miss. Junior College Faculty Association, The Miss. Junior College Dean's Association, the Miss. Association of School Administrators and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

For the past three years **Dr. Tucker** has been designated by the college to work with the Alumni Association and to coordinate the annual homecoming activities. At the conclusion of this school year, **Dr. Tucker** will complete thirty-seven years on the staff of East Central, ten on the faculty and twenty-seven as Dean.

No other person in the combined history of the Agricultural High School and the junior college has served longer. He is the senior member of the Miss. Public Junior College Dean's Association and the only charter member still employed as a Dean.

Truly, **Dr. Brad Tucker** is a "Dean among Deans," and his love of students and his interest in their welfare have made him a friend of students for many years.

Brackeen-Wood . . . A New Name For A New Generation

When Lucille Wood and Denver Brackeen played basketball as students in the old gymnasium at ECJC during the early 1950s, they probably never in their wildest dreams imagined that some day a new modern physical education facility would bear their names. But that is exactly what happened when the physical education building was officially designated the "Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building" on November 10, 1987, by the Board of Trustees. In naming the building, the Board honored two people who have distinguished themselves as outstanding individuals and have brought honor to East Central Junior College.

Brackeen, a General in the Miss. Army National Guard, was the first person to be inducted into the ECJC Athletic Hall of Fame and was the first athlete at the college to be named All-American. Brackeen led EC's '52-53 basketball team to a fourth place finish in the National Junior College Tournament. He later was a *Look Magazine* All American at the University of Mississippi and was signed by the New York Knickerbockers. Returning to East Central as basketball coach, Brackeen led his teams to 137 wins against 52 losses before leaving the coaching field to become Dean of Students at East Central, a position he held until four years ago when he left to become Assistant Adjutant General for the State of Mississippi.

Lucille Wood has established herself as the premiere coach in women's basketball in Mississippi junior college circles, having been instrumental in bringing women's basketball to the forefront in the state. Coming back to ECJC in 1956 after receiving her Masters Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and after coaching for three years at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wood worked tirelessly to establish junior college tennis as it is today and assisted in organizing intercollegiate women's basketball in the junior college system. As a coach, she led her teams to four state championships and took her teams to Regional Tournament play six times.

Women who played under Wood's tutelage have distinguished themselves in many areas. Thirteen of her players went on to play in senior institutions, and currently her former players are coaches and teachers in such notable institutions as Louisiana State University in addition to a number of high schools. Since stepping down as women's basketball coach in 1985, Wood has been named Region 23 Director for the NJCAA and to the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Junior College Association. She has been named ECJC Alumnus of the Year and was second inductee into the ECJC Athletic Hall of Fame.

In years to come, students who enjoy the use of the Brackeen-Wood Facility will be reminded by the name of the building of the accomplishments of two of East Central's most outstanding alumni. The name will serve as an incentive to students who strive to live up to the examples set by these two individuals.

Denver Brackeen, Junior College All American in 1953, holds the picture which has a place of honor in East Central's trophy case.

(Top) In her office, **Lucille Wood** looks at a picture of one of her state championship teams. Other memorabilia include the plaque presented when she was inducted into the ECJC Sports Hall of Fame.

Food
By Any Other Name . . .

. . . would taste just as good. At least that's the opinion of ECJC students who spend a good portion of their time eating, getting ready to eat, or talking about eating.

Starting at 7 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, the cafeteria, the student center, soft drink machines, dorm kitchens, and hot plates in rooms work overtime to keep the appetites of students satisfied.

Leonard Lee, manager of ARA services which operates the food service for East Central, indicates that food likes and dislikes of students have remained pretty much the same in the twenty years he has been at the college. "They like the same basic things year in and year out," Lee stated. "Fried chicken, steak, potatoes, and salads remain among the favorites."

During the warmer months of school, several cookouts are scheduled. Students wait in line for those flame-broiled burgers and other specialties.

Teachers get hungry too. **Mr. Thrash** takes time out from his busy schedule to grab a burger and fries from the student center.

Deloris Mullin enjoys a snack in front of the sophomore dorm between classes.

Not everyone chooses to rely on the cafeteria for their every meal. Some take advantage of the kitchen facilities in the girls' dorms.

After making people look better all day, cosemtology students take a break and discuss the latest techniques in hair styling. Enjoying the snack are: **Maggie Owens, Genia Matthews,** and **Kandi Scarbrough.**

Kerri Posey and **Penny Crawford** catch up on the latest campus news as they enjoy another of **Mr. Lee's** meals.

In Memory

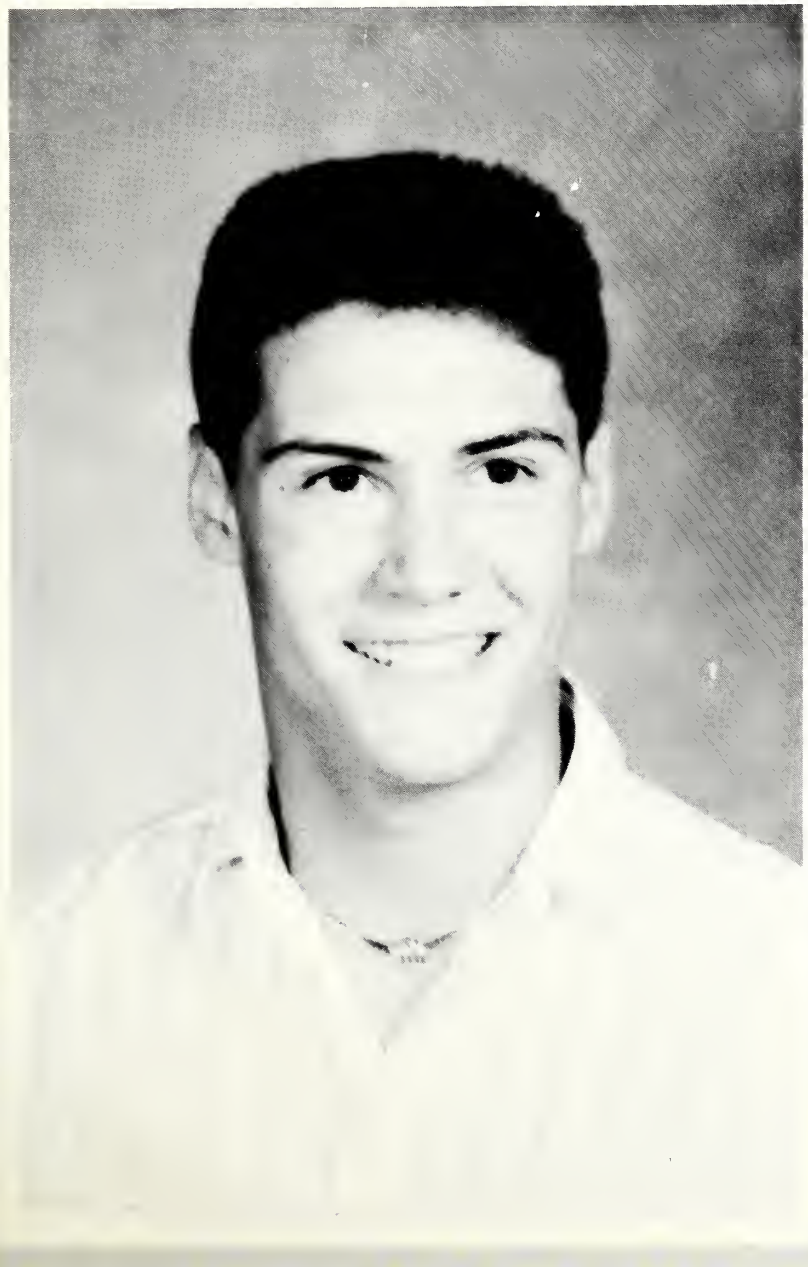
The college experience is ordinarily a happy one. Memories of college should contain only thoughts of ballgames, classes, proms, pep rallies, dorm life, and friendship. Occasionally, however, something happens which so affects a campus that it colors, for all time, the memories of that year.

Such was the case at East Central Junior College in the fall of 1987 when an automobile accident claimed the lives of two of East Central's most likeable students. Amanda Chamblee, known to everyone as Mandy, was a sophomore who had endeared herself to every student she met — always smiling, always with a pleasant word for both students and faculty, and always exhibiting a great love of life.

Amanda Chamblee

Chris Gay was a freshman. He had come to East Central from Meridian to play baseball and had quickly won the hearts of his classmates. Chris had a ready smile which he offered to everyone, whether he knew them or not. His appearance as part of the homecoming court seemed appropriate, and he made a striking figure in the tuxedo he wore to escort the queen.

Tragedy strikes too quickly. One is never ready for it, and it seems East Central was even less prepared to lose two such vibrant students as Amanda and Chris.



Chris Gay

Soon after the first laws for the organization and operation of public junior colleges were passed in Mississippi, a junior college was established at Decatur. Because of the area it served and the curriculum offered, this new two-year college was named East Central Junior College.

Originally, the curriculum of the college consisted of a liberal arts program offering instruction in English, history, mathematics, Spanish, and the sciences. In the early years of the college, the curriculum was geared to preparing students to enter a senior institution, but over the years this curriculum concept has changed dramatically.

East Central now offers forty-four programs of study. In addition to the liberal arts, the offerings include nine vocational courses and eleven technical degree and certificate programs.

East Central is no longer a college devoted exclusively to the preparation of students for university parallel programs. The college has become a comprehensive institution offering both on- and off-campus instruction in programs that range from child care to computer science and from pre-engineering to cosmetology.

Because the college no longer serves just one aspect of the post-secondary educational needs of the community, it was decided by the Board of Trustees at its November, 1987, meeting that the name of the college would be changed to East Central Community College.

The name change reflects the growth of the college and more accurately describes the educational objectives the college now embraces. East Central is no longer a junior college. East Central Community College is an educational institution seeking to fulfill its objectives of offering a comprehensive education to all the people in its district.

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